Colorado Water Congress
THE LEADING VOICE OF COLORADO'S WATER COMMUNITY

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Congressman Buck
2455 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: H.R. 807 Water and Agriculture Tax Reform

Dear Congressman Buck:

On behalf of the Colorado Water Congress, we are writing in support of H.R. 807, the Water and Agriculture Tax Reform, in the 116th Congress. The Colorado Water Congress is a membership organization consisting of over 400 members, serving as the principal voice of Colorado's water community.

The Colorado Water Congress' members represent the municipal, agricultural, industrial, commercial, recreation, and environmental sectors. This legislation would help support Colorado economies, address the rising cost of water, and assist in the facilitation of improving and updating aging water infrastructure. By allowing mutual storage and delivery companies to maintain their tax-exempt status, many of our members would continue to delivery a necessary resource to Coloradans. Additionally, this legislation would increase the speed at which aging water delivery infrastructure will be updated by allowing these mutual storage and delivery companies to pay for their own infrastructure.

The Colorado Water Congress supports the notion that the WATER Act is a commonsense, free-market solution that will help support local economies. H.R. 807 would give our smaller communities the flexibility to effectively repair aging that rarely receive the attention needed at the national level. Ensuring that funds go to rural infrastructure is a crucial area of interest to many of our members and a proposition that the Colorado Water Congress supports.

The Colorado Water Congress looks forward to continuing to work with you and your staff by supporting sound legislation protecting western water rights' holders. We thank you for sponsoring this legislation and continuing the effort to protect Colorado's water.

Sincerely,

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Federal Affairs Committee Chair

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Federal Affairs Committee Vice Chair