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The Honorable Tom Carper  
Chairman  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito:

On behalf of the Orange County Sanitation District (OC San), I am pleased to write in support of the nomination of Radhika Fox as the Assistant Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Water.

OC San is a public agency that provides wastewater collection, treatment, disposal and reclamation of wastewater and its byproducts for approximately 2.6 million people in central and northwest Orange County.

Under Fox's leadership, the Office of Water will have the necessary expertise to tackle the nation's water security, quality, and infrastructure investment challenges. We look forward to the Committee on Environment and Public Works' expeditious consideration of her nomination.

The management and protection of the nation's water resources requires strong and thoughtful federal involvement to address expanding water and wastewater services to underserved communities. As a leader in innovative water treatment projects within the Orange County region, OC San understands the complex and unique challenges associated with ensuring clean water resources for all communities.

If confirmed as Assistant Administrator, Ms. Fox will bring more than two decades of experience in the water resources field that has spanned policy, advocacy, and programmatic management. She has already demonstrated this expertise in her current role as Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water.

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In her prior role as Chief Executive Officer at the U.S. Water Alliance, Ms. Fox exhibited the ability to develop and support cooperation between diverse stakeholder groups while focusing on the needs of the entire community.

Given her previous role directing San Francisco's Public Utilities Commission's Policy and Governmental Affairs, Ms. Fox offers a unique insight into the challenges facing water and wastewater agencies in California. This insight will be invaluable as California, and the rest of the West, are preparing for a what is being predicted to be a period of megadrought.

Ms. Fox's experience in infrastructure, sustainable communities, water equity, and workforce development makes her ideally suited to meet the challenges of implementing water/wastewater infrastructure policies. She brings a new spirit of constructive collaboration between the federal government, water utilities, water solutions providers, and water users across America. OC San wholeheartedly endorses her nomination and looks forward to her confirmation.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David John Shawver'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David John Shawver  
Board Chairman

cc: Senator Padilla