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The Honorable Ana Caballero  
California Senate  
State Capitol, Room 5052  
Sacramento, California 95814

**Re: SB 669, Water Quality, Safe Drinking Water Fund**

**Position: Support**

Dear Senator Caballero:

I am writing on behalf of the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association (MCWRA) to express support for SB 669, relating to your measure related to a stable funding source for safe drinking water.

MCWRA advocates for the water interests of its 66 members in 12 of the mountain counties within the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) of woodland and forested lands in the Sierra Nevada. These foothill and mountain areas contain the headwaters for 40% of the state’s developed water supply, which also provides for hydropower production, recreation, tourism, and instream flows that fuel the engine of our State’s economy.

SB 669 would establish the Safe Drinking Water Trust that is intended to be funded from the General Fund for safe drinking water projects. As opposed to a “water tax”, this measure is a better approach to addressing the human right to water and community water systems in disadvantaged communities.

For this reason, MCWRA supports SB 669.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JKingsbury', with a long, sweeping tail stroke.

John Kingsbury, Executive Director  
Mountain Counties Water Resources Association

c: Senator Andreas Borgeas  
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