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WESTCAS APPLAUDS INTRODUCTION OF BIPARTISAN BILL IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ESTABLISHING A CLEAN WATER TRUST FUND

“Today an important first step has been taken to help the arid West address the ever-growing need for water quality infrastructure by the introduction of H.R.4560, the Clean Water Trust Act of 2005, by Chairman Duncan of the House Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee, and others” stated Larry Libeu, President of the Western Coalition of Arid States (WESTCAS).

“Given the funding shortfalls for Clean Water needs in our communities, the urban growth that is occurring in our part of the country and the increasing environmental mandates that we have to meet in order to provide a safe, reliable supply of water and meet critical health and environmental standards, this legislation will be a tremendous help to the citizens in the arid West.” President Libeu further stated.

“We recognize the critical budgetary climate the country finds itself in and believe the Trust Fund approach is the best solution at this time” Libeu added. “It is important that the Clean Water Act be amended to add these new solution-oriented activities as eligible for funding” Libeu noted. “We look forward to working with our partners in the broad coalition that are supporting this bill and to have Congress acting on this much needed legislative proposal” Libeu concluded.

WESTCAS is a coalition of approximately 125 water and wastewater agencies, cities and towns, and professional associates focused on water quality and quantity issues in the States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon and Texas.

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