



General Assembly  
State of Colorado  
Denver

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Representative Crisanta Duran  
Chair of the Joint Budget Committee  
200 East 14th Avenue, 3rd Floor  
Legislative Services Building  
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Madame Chairwoman:

Thank you for your letter requesting our position on the Joint Budget Committee staff recommendation to increase the House Bill 14-1002 appropriation for the Water Infrastructure Natural Disaster Grant Fund by \$5 million. This would increase the total appropriation for the grant fund to \$17 million, which is approximately 10 percent of the total cost of repairing flood damaged water infrastructure. We, the undersigned members of the Flood Disaster Study Committee of the Colorado General Assembly, support the \$5 million increase for the Water Infrastructure Natural Disaster Grant Fund. These grants will help local governments, including local governments accepting grants on behalf of not-for-profit public water systems, to make urgently needed repairs to infrastructure damaged by the September 2013 floods.

Please contact us if we may provide additional feedback on appropriations or other matters being considered by the Joint Budget Committee to help Colorado recover from the 2013 floods or prepare for future disasters.

Sincerely,

  
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Senator Scott Renfro, Co-Chair

  
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Representative Dave Young, Co-Chair

  
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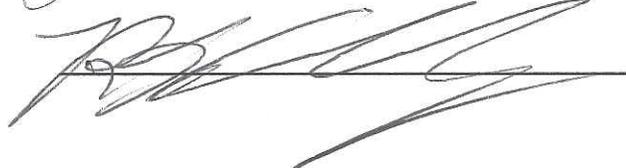
  
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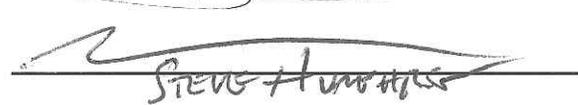
  
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