

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 7, 2019

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Raul Grijalva
Chairman
Committee on Natural Resources
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Joe Manchin
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Rob Bishop
Ranking Member
Committee on Natural Resources
1329 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Murkowski, Chairman Grijalva, Ranking Member Manchin, and Ranking Member Bishop:

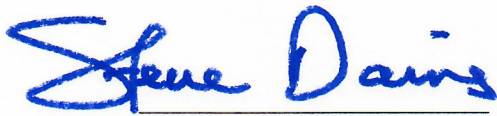
We write to request swift action on our bill, the Clean Water for Rural Communities Act, which includes authorization language for two rural water systems in Montana. Last Congress this legislation was amended and passed by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, and we recently reintroduced that Senate Committee passed language in both chambers. Our constituents are in critical need of clean, safe drinking water and we urge quick consideration and passage.

The Clean Water for Rural Communities Act will authorize the Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System, which is managed by the Central Montana Regional Water Authority, and will facilitate water treatment and delivery to more than 4,500 Montanans in portions of Judith Basin, Wheatland, Golden Valley, Musselshell, Fergus, and Yellowstone Counties. This project is one of only two rural water projects to ever be found feasible by the Bureau of Reclamation under the strict guidelines of the Rural Water Supply Act.

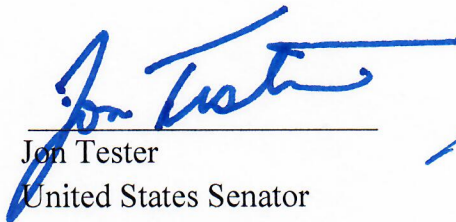
Additionally, the bill will provide for the Bureau of Reclamation to re-engage with the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority (DRWA) to finalize their feasibility study for the DRWA System in Eastern Montana. Upon the sunset of the Rural Water Supply Act, the Bureau of Reclamation's authority to work with the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority ceased, but the Authority did not stop working. This bill would simply allow them to complete and submit their study and NED ratio findings.

We ask you to help us pass our Clean Water for Rural Communities Act at the beginning of this Congress. Montanans deserve clean, safe drinking water.

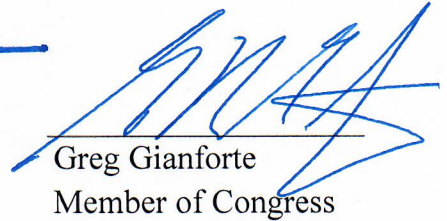
Sincerely,



Steve Daines
United States Senator



Jon Tester
United States Senator



Greg Gianforte
Member of Congress