Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Colleague:

We are all aware of the dire need for increased public awareness and investment in our national water infrastructure. Penn State Public Broadcasting has created *Liquid Assets*: *The Story of Our Water Infrastructure*, a public media and outreach initiative that seeks to inform the American public about the critical role that our water infrastructure plays in protecting public health and promoting economic prosperity.

Liquid Assets tells the story of essential infrastructure systems: water, wastewater, and stormwater. Largely out of sight and out of mind, these aging systems have not been maintained, and some estimates suggest that upgrading these systems would be the single largest public works endeavor in our nation's history.

Liquid Assets is available for PBS stations to broadcast nationwide starting this October and will be aired in the National Capitol Region on the following channels:

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- WHUT Howard Unitversity Public Television in Washington, DC- October 5 and 8
- WETA in Arlington, VA October 5.

Please join us by encouraging your staff to view this documentary and to contact PBS stations back in your district to ensure that your constituents have the opportunity to view this important documentary. For more information on *Liquid Assets* please visit www.liquidassets.psu.edu.

Sincerely,

Eddie Bernice Johnson

Chairwoman

Subcommittee on Water Resources & Environment Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Water
Resources & Environment