



PLUMBING INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP COALITION

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To Water Policymakers, Legislators, and Media:

WaterSense® to Mark Its 10th Anniversary

June 2016 marks the 10th anniversary of WaterSense®, an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) partnership program. As a group of stakeholders participating as WaterSense partners, the Plumbing Industry Leadership Coalition (PILC) congratulates WaterSense on its anniversary, and most importantly, for its achievements relating to water efficiency and savings.

In 10 years, working with organizations that have manufactured and promoted the use of more than 17,000 certified, water-efficient products bearing its label, WaterSense has helped U.S. consumers save more than 1.1 trillion gallons of water – more than the amount of water used by all the households in Texas for a year. While saving water, WaterSense also has helped reduce the amount of energy needed to heat, pump and treat water by 146 billion kilowatt hours and has eliminated 54 million metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions – the equivalent of planting nearly 1.4 billion trees.

WaterSense and its partners have led the way toward a more water-efficient America, as droughts and regional population spikes strain water resources in many parts of our nation. WaterSense also works closely with scientists and other experts in water systems to gain their input regarding product performance, thereby assuring customer satisfaction.

As the nation begins to develop ways to address water shortages and its aging underground water infrastructure, WaterSense stands as an outstanding example of what can be accomplished through a public-private partnership. Amendments authorizing the WaterSense program are included in both energy bills recently passed by the House and Senate. PILC eagerly awaits Congress to reconcile these bills including WaterSense authorization and for the president to sign the final bill.

WaterSense authorization will affirm the results the program has achieved over the past 10 years. Even more importantly, authorization will signal our nation's commitment to water sustainability – something we cannot take for granted under the present circumstances. PILC encourages Congress and the president to authorize WaterSense during the program's 10th year. This action will assure that the 1.1 trillion-gallon reservoir of water saved so far will increase in size exponentially, and serve all the residents of our great nation.

Sincerely,

Members of the Plumbing Industry Leadership Coalition



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