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The Honorable Scott Pruitt
Administrator
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Dear Administrator Pruitt,

The American Water Works Association (AWWA) would be honored to have you speak at the opening general session of our annual conference in Philadelphia this June. The opening session will be 8:30-10 a.m. June 12 in the Pennsylvania Convention Center. We would like for you to speak to our members for 15-20 minutes.

AWWA is the world's oldest and largest non-profit science and education association serving men and women working at drinking water utilities and related professionals across the country. Our annual conference typically attracts about 12,000 participants. You would be invited as well to visit the exhibit floor after the opening session, where manufacturers, consultants and related industries have on display the products and services that help make U.S. drinking water safe and readily available.

A key interest of our membership is water infrastructure finance, and we appreciate the words of support you have voiced in recent days for EPA programs that partner with water utilities in this area. Our annual conference extends through Wednesday and features several hundred technical sessions on drinking water treatment, finance, management and regulation. If you or your staff are interested in any of these sessions, we could talk further about this. Many of the staff in your Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water are familiar with the work of AWWA and could brief you further on who we are.

If you or your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Your key contact will be Tracy Mehan, AWWA Executive Director for Government Affairs, at Ex. 6 or tmehan@awwa.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David B. LaFrance".

David B. LaFrance
CEO
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