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Dear Assistant Administrator Ross:

On behalf of the American Water Works Association (AWWA), I would like to invite you to join me for a public dialogue during AWWA's Annual Conference & Exposition (ACE '18). The Conference will be held June 11-14, 2018, at the Mandalay Bay Resort & Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

If you are available, on Tuesday afternoon, June 12, 2018, I invite you to participate in a discussion forum session, running from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. This forum is proposed as a one on one interview with myself focused on the water sector's needs, the Agency's activities, and what the future holds for the water industry. Additionally, if your schedule allows, we invite you to speak with our Water Utility Council, AWWA's policy setting body for its Board of Directors, on Thursday morning, June 14, 2018, at 8:30 a.m.

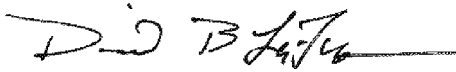
Should your schedule allow for additional time spent at the conference, we are happy to recommend and accompany you in attending the most appropriate activities that highlight the work that AWWA and its volunteers are conducting to support the water sector.

AWWA is the world's largest educational and scientific organization dedicated to the promotion of safe drinking water, and the AWWA annual conference attracts more than 12,000 members from across North America. The association's 52,000 members work as community water providers, federal and state regulators, engineers, academics, and scientists. Our 4,000 utility members serve 80 percent of the U.S. population. AWWA has proudly sponsored many of the educational programs, invested in research, and developed much of the scientific and technical information used to improve the quality of the water we drink.

We would be honored by your attendance at our annual conference and look forward to hearing your perspective on actions and initiatives underway at the Agency that support the water sector. AWWA will be happy to waive the conference registration fee for your attendance. I would very much appreciate your earliest possible response so that we can plan accordingly. If you or your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Barbara Martin, Director of Engineering and Technical Services (bmartin@awwa.org or **Ex. 6**).

Thank you for your consideration of this invitation, and we hope to see you at AWWA's Annual Conference in June.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. LaFrance". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending to the right.

David LaFrance
CEO
American Water Works Association