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The Honorable Jerry McNerney
Member, California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 6640
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1313 (McNerney) Public water systems: grants and loans: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. Notice of SUPPORT (As Introduced on February 20, 2026)

Dear Senator McNerney,

The City of Paramount is pleased to support SB 1313 (McNerney), which would clarify that funding for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) treatment is an eligible project through California's State Revolving Fund programs. This bill would help ensure communities across the state can access available financial assistance to address PFAS contamination and comply with federal drinking water standards.

In California, the Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Funds are primarily supported through federal capitalization grants and state matching funds, and they revolve as repayments are recycled to finance new projects. These programs play a critical role in helping local agencies finance infrastructure necessary to protect water quality and public health.

With the establishment of a federal drinking water standard for PFAS in 2024, public water systems of all sizes are responsible for addressing these contaminants. SB 1313 would clarify that PFAS-related projects are eligible for funding consistent with federal requirements and that assistance may be administered to public water systems. By ensuring clearer eligibility for PFAS treatment funding, this measure would support access to ongoing funding, strengthen long-term infrastructure sustainability, and reinforce the state's commitment to safe, clean, and affordable water for all Californians.

As a built-out, working-class community that relies heavily on aging water infrastructure and regional water imports, the City of Paramount strongly supports SB 1313 because PFAS compliance poses significant financial challenges for smaller cities with limited ratepayer bases. Paramount is already investing in water quality monitoring, system upgrades, and treatment planning to meet federal PFAS standards, but the costs of

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installing and operating advanced treatment systems are substantial and could place pressure on local water rates. Clear eligibility for State Revolving Fund assistance would allow Paramount to pursue low-interest financing and potential principal forgiveness, helping the City protect public health without shifting disproportionate costs onto residents. SB 1313 ensures that communities like Paramount can access the tools needed to maintain safe drinking water, comply with federal mandates, and plan responsibly for long-term infrastructure needs.

For these reasons, the City of Paramount is pleased to support SB 1313 (McNerney). Please feel free to contact City Manager John Moreno at (562) 220-2225, if you have any questions. We thank you for your time and consideration.

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