These letters act as visual evidence of the effectiveness of our programs and are written by **YOU**! Letters can be from members or non-members, and simply need to reflect how the California Rural Water Association provided a valuable service to you. We have a sample letter below to assist you in writing a letter of support if you are interested in doing so. If you aren’t sure which district you are in, please go to [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov).

Please contact Charlotte Phillips at cphillips@calruralwater.org or 800.833.0322 if you have any questions or would like to submit your letter. Thank you!

The Honorable <NAME> (Congressional Representative)

DATE

Dear <TITLE NAME>, (Put your Congressional District Representatives name here)

<Insert here how the field staff and CRWA in general is important and beneficial to your organization and community>

***We are contacting you now to respectfully request your continued support for rural water, the California Rural Water Association and the National Rural Water Association.*** Continued funding would allow CRWA to maintain its on-site technical assistance and training classes. The federal dollars that are appropriated to National Rural Water Association (NRWA) are distributed to the states permitting the NRWA state affiliates to provide vital, hands-on technical assistance to small and rural water systems. Without these programs, small communities would lose a valuable resource, which assists them in maintaining safe drinking water and complying with wastewater standards set to protect the environment. This valuable service saves hundreds of thousands of dollars every year for small rural systems since the technical staff is available free of charge to these communities. Increased regulations and costs are already hitting the small systems very hard. CRWA’s technical assistance offered through the states is an essential resource to these communities struggling to provide safe drinking water and protect the environment they serve.

Thank you for your assistance to rural and small communities in the effort to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act, Clean Water Act, and improving the environment in our water supplies.

Sincerely,