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# OUTREACH ALERT

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## Members Urged to Send Letters to California's U.S. Senators on PFAS CERCLA Liability Protections

ACWA is urging member agencies to send letters to U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla to build support for PFAS liability protections for water and wastewater agencies under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).

Without explicit liability protections, water systems could be held responsible for the cleanup of Superfund sites contaminated with PFAS.

ACWA will be submitting letters to Senators Feinstein and Padilla urging them to protect water systems and the ratepayers they serve by supporting a tailored legislative exemption from PFAS liability. ACWA is urging member agencies to also send individual letters.

### Take Action Now

**1. Email a letter to the senators** urging support of a tailored legislative CERCLA exemption from liability for PFAS-related cleanups for water and wastewater agencies. A [sample letter](#) is available for your agency to customize.

Below are the appropriate email addresses for the senators' staff.

Contact	Email Address
Senator Feinstein	<a href="mailto:alexis_segal@feinstein.senate.gov">alexis_segal@feinstein.senate.gov</a>
Senator Padilla	<a href="mailto:angela_ebiner@padilla.senate.gov">angela_ebiner@padilla.senate.gov</a> <a href="mailto:sarah_swig@padilla.senate.gov">sarah_swig@padilla.senate.gov</a>

**2. Send an electronic copy of the letter to ACWA.** Please send electronic copies of your letter to [outreach@acwa.com](mailto:outreach@acwa.com) and ACWA Federal Relations Representative [Jay Tanner](#).

### Background

CERCLA is designed to remediate contaminated sites and hold parties that caused the contamination financially responsible for cleanup through its polluter-pays model. ACWA strongly supports the polluter-pays principle. However, under current federal efforts ACWA member agencies and their ratepayers will be facing a community-pays outcome that unfairly shifts the clean-up and liability costs onto ACWA member agencies and the public they serve.

Without an explicit exemption from financial liability under CERCLA, water systems could be held financially liable for the cleanup of Superfund sites contaminated with PFAS, despite having never manufactured, used, or benefited from PFAS.

### Questions

For questions about PFAS related legislation, please contact ACWA Federal Relations Representative [Jay Tanner](#) at (202) 434-4762.

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