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What:	AWWA submits comments on SRF legislation and on Infrastructure Bank legislation
Who:	House Committee on Energy and Commerce and House Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures
When:	May 13, 2010

AWWA has submitted comments for two different hearings that will take place tomorrow, Thursday, May 13th.

The first set of comments applauds a number of measures being taken to improve the state revolving loan fund (SRF) program in legislation under consideration in the House Subcommittee on Energy and Environment. AWWA states that the legislation could be further improved by adding the following features:

1. a requirement that loan recipients work toward self-sustainability whether via water rates that reflect full-cost pricing, restructuring, consolidation, or related measures;
2. eligibility of security infrastructure upgrades for SRF loans; and
3. the inclusion of a provision similar to Section 304 of S. 1005, the Senate SRF reform bill, which would have EPA work with SRF stakeholders to identify ways to expedite and improve the SRF application and review process.

The full document is available here:

<http://www.awwa.org/files/GovtPublicAffairs/AdvisoriesAlerts/AWWAHouseSRF.pdf>.

The second set of comments, submitted to the House Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, addresses infrastructure bank legislation and reiterates AWWA's support for a Water Infrastructure Bank. The full document is available here:

<http://www.awwa.org/files/GovtPublicAffairs/AdvisoriesAlerts/AWWAInfrastructureBank.pdf>.

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