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The Honorable Lamar Smith  
2409 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington DC 20515

Dear Congressman Smith:

The Water Innovations Alliance represents water researchers, technologists, and innovators. Its role is to advocate policies that promote the aggressive development of water technologies and innovations across all sectors and users of water. The pace of innovation in the water sector must improve dramatically, because we cannot afford to "brute force" solutions for access to safe, clean water any longer.

One key challenge in fostering water-related innovation is finding qualified employees. The leading innovators in this field are eager to expand, but often cannot find the people they need. Your STEM Jobs Act will help address this problem. The Water Innovations Alliance supports this important bill, and looks forward to its passage.

Sincerely,

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