
THE ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT COALITION

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Via Facsimile 202-395-3888, Original in the Mail

Dear Mr. Daniels,

As implementers of the programs supported by the Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill we believe that these programs play a key role in the defense and economy of this country. The preservation and enhancement of our water resources infrastructure, the pursuit of fundamental scientific research, the development of new energy resources and electrical transmission, nuclear non-proliferation and weapons stewardship, energy efficiency improvements and environmental restoration are all essential components of the short and long-term infrastructure underpinning our nation's strength and resilience.

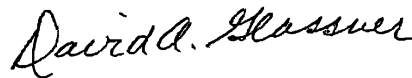
Unfortunately, over the past decade, funding for many of the programs in the Energy and Water bill has eroded substantially. Our interest in the FY2003 budget lies in the recognition that the Fiscal Year 2002 budget just enacted by Congress will not reverse this chronic, destructive trend. We believe that progress must be made against these past shortfalls to help ensure that the nation is adequately prepared to meet to its economic, energy and defense needs in the 21st century.

Thank you very much for your consideration of these views.

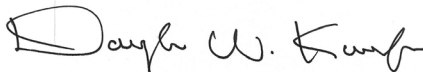
Sincerely,



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