

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE UTILITY CONSUMER ADVOCATES

Resolution 2026-01

NASUCA Resolution Encouraging Permanent Federal Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program

Whereas access to clean, reliable, and affordable drinking water and wastewater sanitation is a basic human necessity for health, safety, welfare, habitation, and economic development;¹ and

Whereas Congress created the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) in December 2020 to assist low-income families with their water and wastewater bills; and

Whereas the LIHWAP was established as a temporary program that helped approximately 1.4 million American households to pay their water and wastewater bills, preventing disconnections, and restoring utility services until funding expired at the end of Fiscal Year 2023; and

Whereas making investments in aging water and wastewater facilities is essential to ensure that water service is safe and reliable and will continue to increase utility bills and cause substantial hardship on lower income customers;² and

Whereas a permanent low-income water assistance program is crucial to help utility customers who cannot afford their bills continue to have access to safe, adequate, and reliable drinking water.³

Now, therefore be it resolved, NASUCA urges Congress and the Administration to support legislation, budget measures, and regulations for the development and deployment of permanent low-income household drinking water and wastewater assistance programs that are available to all customers regardless of utility ownership; and

Be it further resolved, NASUCA authorizes its Executive Committee to develop specific positions and take appropriate actions, consistent with the terms of this resolution and the needs of its Members and their utility consumers. The Executive Committee shall notify the membership of any action pursuant to this resolution.

Submitted by the NASUCA WATER COMMITTEE

Approved by the Membership
July 19, 2026
Minneapolis, Minnesota

¹ NASUCA Letter to Congress Supporting LIHWAP (2024) <https://www.nasuca.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/NASUCA-2nd-Letter-to-Congress-Supporting-LIHWAP-3.21.20242.pdf>.

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*