



441 G St. N.W.  
Washington, DC 20548

August 25, 2020

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate

Dear Senator Feinstein:

Thank you for your letter, jointly signed by Senator Kamala D. Harris, requesting that the Government Accountability Office review matters relating to whether EPA has failed to apply a consistent approach to enforcement against San Francisco as compared to other water utilities with combined sewer systems.

GAO accepts your request as work that is within the scope of its authority. Your request has been assigned to Mr. Mark E. Gaffigan, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment and staff are available to begin the work shortly. Mr. Gaffigan or a member of his team will contact [REDACTED] to discuss the request, your needs, and the engagement objectives, scope, and methodology in accordance with GAO's protocols. As applicable, we will also be in contact with the cognizant Inspector General's office to ensure that we are not duplicating efforts. If an issue arises during this coordination, we will consult with you regarding its resolution.

If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Orice Williams Brown'.

Orice Williams Brown  
Managing Director  
Congressional Relations

cc: John Watts

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If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gaffigan at 202-512-3168 or [gaffiganm@gao.gov](mailto:gaffiganm@gao.gov), or Mr. Carlos Diz, Assistant Director, Congressional Relations, on my staff at 202-512-8256 or [dizc@gao.gov](mailto:dizc@gao.gov).

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