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### **NUCA Statement On State Of The Union Speech** *Utility Contractor Association Supports Increasing Infrastructure Resources To Build America*

*(Fairfax, Va.) -- The chief executive officer of the National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA), Doug Carlson, issued the following statement about President Joseph Biden's "State of the Union" speech delivered to Congress this evening:*

"Our nation's water and wastewater infrastructure is the foundation of our communities. This infrastructure sustains our home, businesses, and industries. NUCA members applaud the Administration's \$110 billion investment over the next ten years in our industry's sector. With this Administration's investment, our members will upgrade aging lead pipes, leaking water service systems, outdated treatment plants, and many vulnerable sub-systems."

"President Biden's call to Congress to send him Fiscal Year 2024's water and wastewater resources through the EPA's State Revolving Fund is welcome news to NUCA's members and their employees. We hope Congress is listening and sends the full amount of resources to the President this month in a final FY2024 appropriations bill."

"This investment in water infrastructure is not just about pipes and pumps. It's also about jobs, innovation, and quality of life. Our work creates thousands of jobs, jobs that are open to every American who believes in hard work and its success. Our employees also build the means to provide safe drinking water to every family and business, enhancing the health of everyone."

"Our nation has just started the investments needed to deliver modern and safe water and wastewater service to everyone. Over the next 15 years, \$271 billion will be needed to maintain and replace wastewater systems, and a further \$625 billion will be needed to improve America's drinking water infrastructure, according to the EPA."

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**About The National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA)**

Founded in 1964, the National Utility Contractors Association represents over 2,000 U.S. utility and excavation contractors, manufacturers, and suppliers who provide the materials and workforce to build and maintain our nation's intricate network of water, sewer, gas, telecommunications, and electric infrastructure. NUCA is found online at [www.nuca.com](http://www.nuca.com), and can be followed on Twitter at **@NUCA\_National**. The association's Twitter hashtags are #WeDigAmerica and #NUCAdigs.