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ECOS Priorities

Building State Capacity and Saving the SRFs (State Revolving Funds). Federal infrastructure funding and regulatory program support for states – the primary implementers and enforcers of the nation’s environmental laws – are more important than ever. ECOS will continue to step up its advocacy to Congress and U.S. EPA to increase state categorical grants (such as for air, water, and waste programs), fully fund and protect the water infrastructure SRF programs from funding diversions (such as the growing amount of congressionally directed spending), and ensure states are able to support effective programs that respond to new regulatory requirements, maintain vibrant communities, and are respected as co-regulators with our federal partners.

Funding and Managing PFAS Responsibilities. ECOS will continue to prioritize our education and advocacy for the science, funding, and regulatory partnerships needed to successfully address PFAS and other emerging contaminants of concern. We’ll urge funding and support from EPA, other federal agencies, and Congress to help states meet the challenges of PFAS and build the necessary capacity to ensure the protection of environmental health and economic opportunity in all of our communities.

Accelerating the Circular Economy. All levels of government, the private sector, academia, and nongovernmental organizations are seeing the value of sustainable materials management as a strategy to help reduce carbon pollution and other environmental stressors, increase equity and community resilience, and grow the economy. ECOS will continue to emphasize the importance of market-based and customized solutions in each state so that we maximize landfill diversion and ensure materials continue to have productive economic use.

Advancing Innovation and Productivity. States and territories benefit when we share information and learn from each other and from our colleagues in the public and private sectors. We’ll increase opportunities for identifying best practices and new tools within our agencies to continuously improve effectiveness, efficiency, and equity as we “modernize the business of environmental protection” (a key purpose of E-Enterprise for the Environment and the Exchange Network) through internal and external partnerships.

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