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Dear Chairman Lewis:

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The success of the NBP participating agencies is directly attributable to the federal assistance that helps to fund this innovative EMS program. Regardless of whether a wastewater agency chooses to land apply, incinerate, or landfill its biosolids, the program develops public confidence in how biosolids are managed. The goal of both AMSA and the NBP is to work to ensure environmental excellence in the management of biosolids activities.



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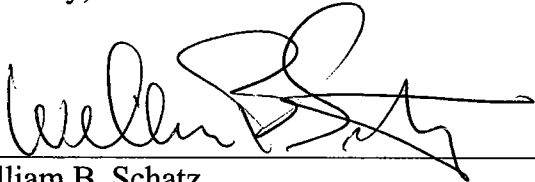
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The undersigned AMSA officers and member utilities thank you for your past assistance in funding this program and ask you to support \$1 million for the NBP in the FY 2006 VA-HUD-Independent Agencies Appropriations bill. We assure you that effective biosolids management is essential to the quality of life in every American community. If you would like more details on the NBP's EMS program, please call AMSA's Executive Director, Ken Kirk, at (202) 833-4653.

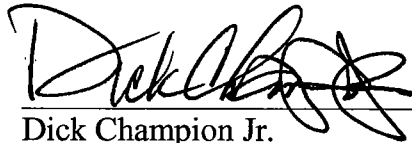
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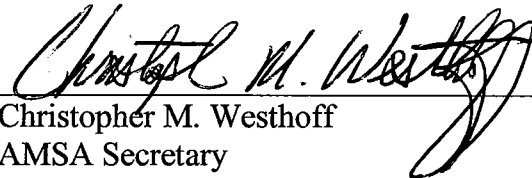
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