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Congressman Cummings: We Must Leave Future Generations with Safe and Clean Water

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Congressman Elijah E. Cummings (D-Maryland) joined his colleagues this week in voting for the passage of three key bills that will help expand and preserve this nation's clean water supply. The bills are H.R. 720: *The Water Quality Financing Act*; H.R. 700: *The Healthy Communities Water Supply Act of 2007*, and H.R. 569: *The Water Quality Investment Act of 2007*.

"As my voting record indicates, I am committed to preserving our natural resources. I want to leave our children and grandchildren an environmental legacy that provides for stable communities. Water is essential for survival, so we must leave future generations with safe and clean water," Congressman Cummings said. "The year 2007 marks the 35th anniversary of passage of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and marks 20 years since the last major amendments to the Act. By passing comprehensive legislation this week, we have taken a tremendous step in continuing our mission to protect the environment."

Congressman Cummings especially applauded the passage of H.R. 720, which authorizes the Clean Water State Revolving Fund that provides low-interest loans to local communities for construction of wastewater treatment facilities and other water pollution abatement projects. Since it was created in 1987, the Clean Water State Revolving Fund has been the primary source of federal funding for clean water funding. The fund is enormously popular with state and local governments across the country.

"According to the EPA, the nation faces a clean water crisis. Unfortunately, previous