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SPEAKER RENDON SIGNS ON AS CO-AUTHOR OF SAFE AND AFFORDABLE DRINKING WATER LEGISLATION

Speaker's endorsement, on top of Governor Newsom's budget proposal, gives major momentum boost to fight to secure ongoing, sustainable, safe drinking water funding by June

Sacramento, CA -- Speaker Anthony Rendon has signed on as a co-author of Assemblymember E. Garcia's Safe and Affordable Drinking Water legislation ([AB 217](#)) in the latest amendments released late Tuesday night. In doing so, the Speaker has clearly demonstrated the priority he places on ensuring safe drinking water for the million Californians who lack access and the need to ensure that those responsible for pollution pay their fair share.

The Coalition for a Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund released the following statement today from Phoebe Seaton, co-founder and co-executive director of Leadership Council for Justice and Accountability; Jonathan Nelson, Policy Director, Community Water Center; and Jennifer Clary, Water Programs Manager, Clean Water Action:

"Speaker Rendon's co-authorship of AB 217 further builds towards a historic opportunity in the next month to solve California's drinking water crisis once and for all. With Governor Newsom and both houses of the Legislature committed to passing an ongoing, sustainable source of funding for safe drinking water, we are closer than ever to ensuring every California child, family and community has access to the most basic of human rights — safe water.

"While the momentum is clear, we must now turn this commitment into a real solution during the upcoming budget process — because the more than 1 million Californians without safe water don't deserve to wait any longer. Californians in both urban and rural communities have struggled with unsafe drinking water for decades, with low-income families and communities of color bearing the brunt of this public health crisis.

"We urge the Legislature to seize this historic moment and, in partnership with the Governor, to come together to pass the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund in June."

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