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Governor Akinwunmi Ambode  
Plot B, Gbagada General Hospital Road  
Gbagada, Lagos State, Nigeria

cc: Dr. Samuel Babatunde Adejare, Honourable Commissioner, Lagos State Ministry of the Environment  
Rt. Hon. Mudashiru Ajayi Obasa, Speaker of the Lagos State House of Assembly  
Hon. Dayo Saka Fafunmi, Chairman, House Committee on Environment, Lagos State House of Assembly

Dear Governor Akinwunmi Ambode:

We are organizations around the world committed to ensuring the human right to water is upheld and protected. We are deeply concerned to see the Lagos State Water Corporation pursuing multiple concessions and other corporate contracts, including a 25-year concession for the Adiyari II project and a public private partnership (PPP) for the Odomola project. Based on many of our experiences in cities around the world, we know that PPPs and other privatization contracts often bring unexpected costs for cities, raise rates for consumers, and produce labor violations and infrastructure neglect.

Given these concerns, we wish to express our profound hope that you will:

- Withdraw current efforts to secure corporate concessions and contracts in the water sector.
- Commit to public funding of water and ensure robust and accountable democratic process for implementing any legislation relating to water and sanitation.

In conclusion, we are eager to see your administration commit to ensuring the human right to water through a democratic, public system. Your leadership on water will not only ensure all Lagosians can access clean, safe water -- it will also set an example for all of us around the world.

Sincerely,

African Law Foundation, Nigeria  
Asian Peoples' Movement on Debt and Development (APMDD)  
Berlin Water Table, Germany  
Blue Planet Project, South Africa  
Campaign for Climate Justice Nepal (CCJN), Nepal  
Child Health Organization, Nigeria  
Coastal Livelihood and Environmental Action Network (CLEAN), Bangladesh  
Coorg Organisation for Rural Development (CORD), India  
Council of Canadians, Canada  
Darshan Organisation, India  
European Federation of Public Service Unions (ESPU), Belgium  
European Water Movement, Regional - Europe  
Food & Water Watch, Europe  
Food & Water Watch, USA

Food Empowerment Project, USA  
Freedom from Debt Coalition, Philippines  
Friends of the Earth, USA  
Grassroots Africa, Ghana  
In the Public Interest, USA  
Indian Social Action Forum (INSAF), India  
Irrigation Training and Economic Empowerment Organization (IRTECO), Tanzania  
Jubilee Debt Coalition, United Kingdom  
Jeunes Volontaires pour l'Environnement Internationale, Togo  
Koalisi Rakyat untuk Hak Atas Air, Indonesia  
La Red Vida, Regional - Latin America  
NC Environmental Justice Network, USA  
New Mexico Environmental Law Center, USA  
National Adivasi Alliance, India  
Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum, Pakistan  
Program on Human Rights in the Global Economy (PHRGE), USA  
Refund America Project, USA  
River Basin Friends, India  
San Jerardo Cooperative, USA  
Swarna Hansa Foundation, Sri Lanka  
Transnational Institute (TNI), Netherlands  
Wasser in Bürgerhand, Germany