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### Congressman Arcuri Honored at WSC Spring Meeting

Washington, DC (March 6, 2008) – The Water Systems Council (WSC) honored U.S. Representative Michael Arcuri (D-Utica) with the 2008 WSC wellcare® Congressional Leadership Award during its Spring Meeting, held February 26- 29 in Washington, D.C. "Even as a freshman in Congress, Congressman Arcuri recognizes the significance of the wellcare® program to his Congressional district and has demonstrated great leadership in securing federal funds for this program," said WSC Executive Director Kathleen Stanley.



*Above: Congressman Arcuri (right) poses with WSC President Gerry Duggan, after receiving the 2008 wellcare® Leadership Award.*

Arcuri called the wellcare® program "critical," saying WSC "deliver[s] needed information to people who need it most." "It is an honor to receive this award from the Water Systems Council and the wellcare® program that has done so much to make sure families in Upstate New York have safe, clean drinking water," Arcuri said. "More than 20% of my constituents rely on wells for their water, including many local family farms. Wells don't only provide water in my district, they provide jobs. I applaud the Water Systems Council for all they do to raise the standards for well equipment and to educate individuals and municipalities to keep our families safe."

"Water Systems Council is pleased to recognize Congressman Arcuri's commitment to protecting the drinking water supplies of household well owners nationwide and in New York," said WSC President Gerry Duggan. "The wellcare® Congressional Leadership Award acknowledges his efforts and expresses our appreciation on behalf of the 2.9 million well owners in New York."

The WSC wellcare® Congressional Leadership Award is given annually to Congressional members who have shown exemplary commitment to wellowners and groundwater protection.

WSC is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the wider use of wells as modern and affordable safe drinking water systems and to protecting ground water resources nationwide. It is the only national organization solely focused on individual water wells and other private well-based water systems.

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