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House of Representatives
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The Hon. Kay Granger
Chairwoman
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Hon. Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, located at 30 West Gude Drive, Suite 450, Rockville, MD 20850.

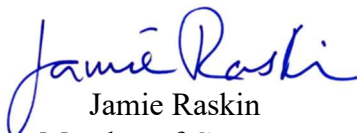
The funding would be used to further the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin's (ICPRB's) efforts to protect, preserve and restore the water quality of the Potomac River and its tributaries. The ICPRB is a federal interstate watershed agency established under the Interstate Compact and approved by Congress in 1940. Since then, the Potomac River has evolved from an "open sewer" to a river that provides reliable, safe drinking water, accepts the region's treated wastewater, and provides recreational opportunities that make the region a desirable place to live, work, and play. The Potomac River supplies 78% of the broader Washington, metropolitan area's water. With this project, the ICPRB will implement the Potomac River Basin Comprehensive Water Resources Plan, including (among other activities) constructing a real-time 2D flow and contaminant transport model of the Potomac for use during spill events; implementing an outreach strategy for ICPRB's impervious cover tool to assist decision-makers in understanding the effects of proposed impervious cover sites on local hydrology; and engaging in critical data collection.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because ensuring safe and abundant drinking water is crucial for the health of our people and the economic development of our region.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 5019 of P.L. 110-114, as amended by Section 4001 of P.L. 113-121.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Very Truly Yours,


Jamie Raskin
Member of Congress