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Honorable Tom Cole
Chair of the House Appropriations
Committee
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Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member of the House Appropriations
Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Delaware River Basin Commission in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The funding would be used to fulfill the federal signatory funding share for the Delaware River Basin (DRBC). The DRBC's programs provide water security and clean water for our rivers, streams, reservoirs, and groundwater. These include: DRBC leading research and monitoring on PFAS and other contaminants of emerging concern (CECs) and support for the states PFAS action plans, DRBC water quality monitoring programs, DRBC programs that provide special protection for waters of exceptional value, DRBC programs to clean up legacy pollutants (like PCB) that impact water quality, DRBC programs to control pollution from wastewater discharges, DRBC programs to make improvements to aquatic life habitat, and DRBC support for state of the art modeling of water quality and flow. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Basin spans 13,539 square miles, including parts of four states, all or portions of 42 counties, 868 municipalities, multiple government entities and jurisdictions, and twenty-two congressional districts; and it provides water to over 14.2 million people both in and outside of the Basin.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized under the Delaware River Basin Compact (PL 87-328) and further authorized by P.L. 113-121, Section 4001.

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

Sincerely,



BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN
Member of Congress