

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 20, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the “Lake Barcroft Dam Embankment Armoring & Flood Mitigation Project” in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, located at 9711 Farrar Court, Suite 200, North Chesterfield, Virginia, 23236.

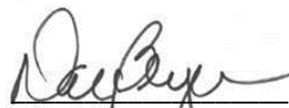
The funding would be used for engineering, design, and construction in efforts to armor the Lake Barcroft Dam. This project would significantly mitigate and reduce the potential for downstream flooding damage in the urban Holmes Run watershed to critical infrastructure, private property, and the loss of life in an intense rainstorm event. Armoring the Dam’s earthen embankments will significantly increase the safety of large sections of the City of Alexandria and Fairfax County. Furthermore, the implementation of this project will greatly reduce the potential for major long-term transportation disruptions for Interstates 395 and 495, and the negative impact it would have on regional security and commerce due to those transportation disruptions.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because of the risk of severe damage to large portions of the City of Alexandria and Fairfax County that could occur in the event of damage to or overflow of the Dam due to a significant rainstorm. The value of the public infrastructure and private property in the flood zone is valued in billions, and there would be high risk to human safety in the case of such flooding—whereas the cost of upgrading the dam is \$8 million. The federal contribution of \$1.5 million will reduce potential flood depths by up to 50%, protecting taxpayers from a billion dollars in potential recovery costs in the case of a severe storm event.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

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

Sincerely,



Donald S. Beyer Jr.
Member of Congress