

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 19, 2026

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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the project named the "Potomac River Water Quality Monitoring, Reporting, and Improvements" in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is The Johns Hopkins University, located at 3400 N. Charles St, Baltimore, Md 21218.

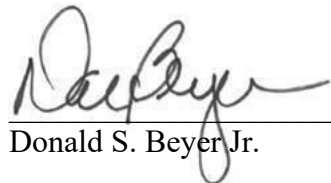
The funding would be used for expanding pathogen sampling, installing stream gages for continuous data collection, and planting new mussel beds in the Potomac River.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because increased monitoring of the Potomac River water quality, both through pathogen testing and continuous data collection and transmission, will allow for better communication with the public about the safety of outdoor recreation as well as inform locations for additional mussel beds to filter contaminants. Current water quality monitoring in Northern Virginia along the Potomac River is limited, and expanding our knowledge of aquatic conditions such as pathogen concentration, dissolved oxygen, pH, and more will support the aims of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to restore the quality of coastal waters and protect existing uses of those waters, including public access for recreation purposes.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 1452 of title 16, United States Code.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



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Donald S. Beyer Jr.