May 6, 2021

The Honorable Marcy Kaptur
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Michael K. Simpson
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairwoman Kaptur and Ranking Member Simpson,

I am requesting $715,000 in funding for the “One Basin, One Community - Water Security for All” project in the upcoming Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. The entity to receive funding for this community project is the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC), located at 25 Cosey Road, P.O. Box 7360, West Trenton, NJ 08628. The location of this project is the Delaware River Basin and its watershed in four states including, Pennsylvania’s 1st Congressional District. The funding is designated for the DRBC’s vital and comprehensive water resources program. The project would be an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because it will maintain and improve water security for the 13 million people who derive their water resources from the Delaware River Basin and local communities in my district. As communities across the Delaware River Basin navigate the impacts of climate change or rely on water supply monitoring for contaminants of emerging concern such as PFAS, the water resources program of the DRBC is more critical now than ever before.

I certify that neither my immediate family nor I have any financial interest in this project. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Brian Fitzpatrick
Member of Congress