Congress of the United States House of Representatives Mashington, DC 20515–3302

January 26, 2024

The Honorable Sam Graves Chairman House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rick Larsen Ranking Member House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

I am requesting a \$37,000,000 increase in funding for the North Carolina Environmental Infrastructure Program in the Water Resources Development Act of 2024.

The purpose of this program is to provide environmental assistance in the form of design and construction for environmental infrastructure, resource protection, and development projects to non-federal interests in the State of North Carolina. The non-federal sponsor of this program is the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality.

This program is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to impact communities of all sizes throughout all North Carolina congressional districts, including project funding for—

- Wastewater treatment and related facilities;
- Combined sewer overflow, water supply, storage, treatment, and related facilities;
- Drinking water infrastructure including treatment and related facilities;
- Environmental restoration;
- Stormwater infrastructure; and
- surface water resource protection and development.

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

Sincerely,

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Deborah K. Ross Member of Congress