



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1501**

June 6, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$3 million for a study of recreational water access, including enclosed swimming areas, in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The funding would be used for a study to determine the feasibility of swimming in the Potomac and Anacostia rivers in the District of Columbia. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will expand access to recreational activities.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 8201(a)(13) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2022 (P.L. 117-263, Division H, Section 8201(a)(13)).

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

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Holmes Norton