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Chairman Tom Cole
2207 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
2413 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper, Inc. in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper, Inc, located at 721 Main St, Buffalo, NY 14203. The funding would be used for assessing threats, risks, and solutions for Lake Erie's Eastern Basin.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper will seek to expand and enhance public awareness and understanding of Eastern Lake Erie and foster stewardship in WNY through the expansion of water quality, shoreline, and ecosystem monitoring programs, and to increase opportunities for underserved students in water education and STEM-based mentorship programs.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for activities consistent with, and supportive of, NOAA's mission and aligned with one or more of the purposes described in the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. § 1451 et seq.).

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

Sincerely,

Timothy M. Kennedy
Member of Congress