

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 10, 2024

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 2025. 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 climate and coastal resiliency 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 gathering of citizen science data will contribute to the understanding of the state of local recreational waters as a means to protect human health, inform pollution prevention, and identify potential at-risk and priority areas for future coastal and climate resilience investments.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy M. Kennedy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Timothy M. Kennedy
Member of Congress