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May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Securing Upland Dredge Material Sites project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity requesting this funding is the Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority, located at 4521 Lewis B. Puller Memorial Highway, Mattaponi, Virginia 23110.

The funding would support the acquisition of upland sites to dispose of dredged material that is not suitable for the beneficial reuse as shoreline habitat. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding because it will allow the Authority to pursue both its own municipal dredging program, which will enable to Authority to dredge the region's 120 shallow-draft channels at a more regular interval, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dredging projects.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes described in 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

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

I hope that you will consider this request as you develop the Fiscal Year 2026 appropriations bills.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Wittman  
Member of Congress