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House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-4604

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Chairman Tom Cole  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

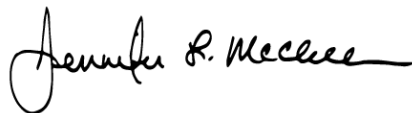
I am requesting funding for the Stormwater Management within the Shockoe Valley project in fiscal year 2025.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Richmond, located at City Hall, 900 E Broad St, Richmond, VA 23129. The funding would be used to improve stormwater management in the largest watershed in the City of Richmond, the Shockoe Valley. Presently dominated by asphalt parking lots, the valley holds a FEMA-designated 100-year floodplain and floodway.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will help to reduce the impacts of flooding, improve water quality in the James River, and mitigate the economic and public safety impacts of floods. Specifically, improvements will help to protect a major transit corridor, which includes highway I-95, an Amtrak Station, and the City's bus rapid transit system. Additionally, there are approximately 342 businesses, which employ about 3,913 people, located immediately adjacent to the floodplain. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is consistent with purposes authorized in 42 U.S.C.5305(a)(1), 5305(a)(2), 5305(a)(4), and/or 5305(a)(5).

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

Sincerely,



Jennifer L. McClellan  
Member of Congress