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The Honorable Jeff Merkley Chairman Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee 142 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-6033 The Honorable Lisa Murkowski Ranking Member Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee 125 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-6033

Dear Chairman Merkley and Ranking Member Murkowski:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit congressionally directed spending requests to the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee for Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22). I have focused these requests on programs of particular significance to my home state of Maryland. None of the entities for which I have requested congressionally directed spending are for-profit entities.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested in the Fiscal Year 2022 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

I appreciate your careful consideration of these important requests.

Sincerely,

Benjamin L. Cardin United States Senator