

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

November 16, 2023

The Honorable Patty Murray
Chair
Senate Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Capitol, S-128
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins
Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Capitol, S-128
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Dear Chair Murray and Vice Chair Collins,

Thank you for your ongoing work on Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) appropriations bills. Each year the appropriations process presents opportunities for bipartisan support and funding for our most vital environmental programs. To help maintain regular order and ensure continued bipartisan support, we urge you to continue keeping the FY24 appropriations bills free of any controversial, anti-environmental policy riders.

In several House FY24 appropriation bills, there have been harmful policy riders reported that are unacceptable.

The inclusion of unrelated provisions has undermined the Senate's ability in previous years to pass funding measures. We must stay vigilant and keep senseless, harmful, environmental policy riders out of FY24 appropriations bills. We commend you for keeping these types of policy riders out of the Senate FY24 appropriations bills and request that any controversial riders offered by our colleagues on the House side not be included in final funding bills.

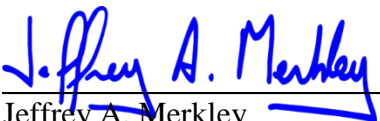
Sincerely,



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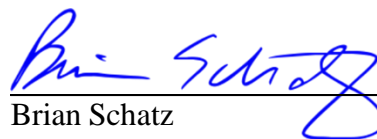
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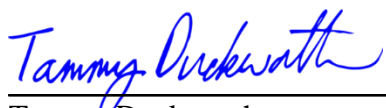
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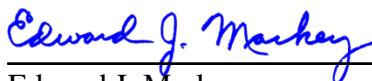
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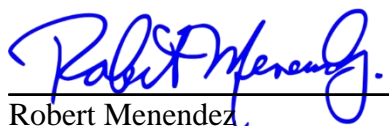
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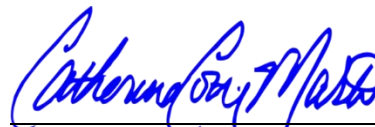
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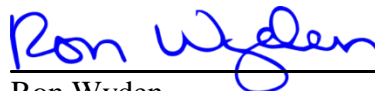
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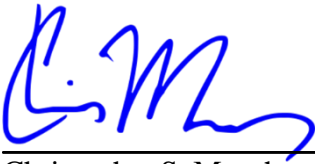
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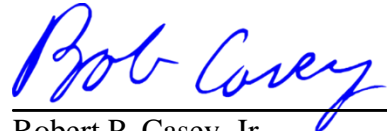
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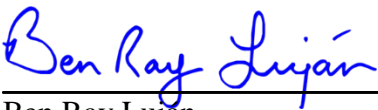
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