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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6502

March 19, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

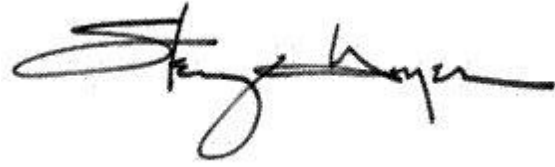
Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Southern Maryland Blue Catfish Management and Regional Seafood Market Development Initiative in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is Morgan State University, located at 1700 E Cold Spring Ln, Baltimore, MD 21251. The funding would be used for the Morgan State University Patuxent Environmental and Aquatic Research Laboratory (PEARL) in St. Leonard, Md., to address the critical ecological and economic threat posed by the invasive blue catfish in the Southern Maryland region. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it is cost-effective, science-based management. By utilizing the existing world-class facilities at Morgan State PEARL, this project maximizes efficiency. Taxpayer funds are used to translate complex laboratory research into "on-the-water" technical assistance for the 5th District. Developing targeted removal strategies through gut content and spatial analysis ensures that future mitigation efforts are precise and cost-effective, preventing the wasteful expenditure of resources on broad, unguided management actions.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 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, appearing to read "Steny Hoyer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

STENY H. HOYER