

Date: June 1, 2018

Congresswoman Jaime Herrera-Beutler  
750 Anderson Street, Suite B  
Vancouver, WA 98661

Re: Fiscal year 2019 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill

Dear Congresswoman Herrera-Beutler:

The Clark County Council is encouraged by the passage of the 2019 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriation bill from the House Appropriations Submitting on Energy and Water Development.

The bill makes key investments in energy and water infrastructure; these are critical to ensuring that local businesses and industries can grow and thrive. One investment of particular importance to Clark County is the funding of \$7.28 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers, an increase of \$451 million above the 2018 level. This appropriation would help fund water resources infrastructure nationwide. Such an investment creates jobs, spurs economic growth, and will help counties build and maintain water infrastructure necessary for our ports and business community as a whole.

The County Council is hopeful that, with your support, this bill will pass Congress and benefit Clark County. As you know, Clark County remains under the regulatory jurisdiction of the Seattle District of the Army Corps of Engineers. As a result, Clark County suffers from the longstanding and ongoing deficiencies in the Seattle District's service to Clark County constituents. The Clark County Council would like to see this Appropriations bill be used to make additional investments in the Seattle District of the Corps of Engineers to improve their permit management and decrease their excessive timelines.

We thank you for your time and attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

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