April 30, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I write to respectfully request $950,000 in fiscal year 2022 funding for the project: Community Climate Change Impacts Analysis.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Prince William County Government, 5 County Complex Court, Prince William 22192.

This project will prepare Prince William County for future impacts due to climate change. The first part will be to develop a plan to reduce carbon emissions, increase use of renewable energy, and provide sustainability resources within the community to address the harmful impacts of climate change. The analysis will be used to develop long term plans to meet goals set by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the Prince William Board of County Supervisor for reducing carbon and increasing the use of renewable energy.

The second part will address increased flooding potential in the community. A study will be conducted to identify high risk flood areas based on historic, current, and projected storm/rainfall trends, with recommendations for mitigation and adaptation strategies. A review and incorporation of increases in intense rain events due to climate change will be included in the study. Many of the areas in high-risk flood areas are in lower income and minority communities. This study will also address and include issues of environmental and social justice, and the equity of programs to reduce flood risk in the community.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Gerald E. Connolly
Member of Congress
11th District, Virginia