FY 2019 Interior & Environment Appropriations Bill

$35.3B IN DISCRETIONARY FUNDING – EQUAL TO FY18

REDUCING REGULATORY RED TAPE

- Reduces funding for the EPA by $100M (providing $7.958B total)
  - Supports the President’s proposal to reshape the EPA workforce by providing resources to offer buyouts and voluntary separation agreements to employees
  - Reins in the EPA’s regulatory agenda by reducing regulatory programs by $228M below FY18 levels
  - Fully repeals the economically damaging Waters of the United States rule
  - Reduces regulatory red tape by including a prohibition on regulating the lead content of ammunition and fishing tackle, relieving livestock operations from EPA permitting requirements, and exempting livestock producers from EPA greenhouse gas requirements

IMPROVING OUR COMMUNITIES

- Provides $500M for Payments in Lieu of Taxes, which directs funds to local governments in 49 states to help fulfill budget shortfalls that would harm local government responsibilities, like public safety and education, created by nontaxable federal lands in their jurisdictions
- Makes critical investments in infrastructure as directed by the recent budget agreement, including:
  - A total of $2.6B for the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund
  - An increase of $40M to accelerate the cleanup of Superfund sites, which will return them productive use and spur economic development
  - A total of $75M for the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program to leverage federal dollars to finance more than $8B in water infrastructure projects
- Increases the federal commitment to honoring our treaties and trust agreements with American Indians and Alaska Natives, including providing $5.9B for the Indian Health Service and $3.1B for the Bureaus of Indian Affairs and Indian Education

PROTECTING OUR NATIONAL RESOURCES

- Provides $3.9B for the Department of the Interior and U.S. Forest Service to fight wildfires that threaten our communities
- Prioritizes an additional $5.5M in funding to recover and delist threatened and endangered species within the Fish and Wildlife Service
- Provides $60M for on-the-ground sage grouse conservation to protect the species and preserve federal lands for public and private uses
- Supports and protects our natural and cultural heritage by providing funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund ($360M); National Park Service ($3.25B); the Smithsonian Institution ($1B); and the National Endowments for the Arts and Humanities ($155M each)