United States Senate

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

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

Thank you for your ongoing work on Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) 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 keep the FY27 appropriations bills free of any controversial, anti-environmental policy riders.

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 FY27 appropriations bills.

Sincerely,

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