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Sent: 9/7/2017 9:35:25 PM
To: Forsgren, Lee [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=a055d7329d5b470fbaa9920ce1b68a7d-Forsgren, D]; Shapiro, Mike [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=2c70af880ba747b5a8b6baa45a040125-MShapiro]; Sawyers, Andrew [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=49214552a00b4ab7b168ec0edba1d1ac-Sawyers, Andrew]; Grevatt, Peter [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=d3caa0c39ebe44cb9d3ae44da7543733-Grevatt, Peter]
Subject: FW: Could you all contact Rep Meng?

From: Gross, Hillary [mailto:Hillary.Gross@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2017 4:27 PM
To: Tracy Mehan <tmehan@awwa.org>; Dolan, Meredith (Gourash) <meredith.dolan@mail.house.gov>; David LaFrance <dlafrance@awwa.org>; Greg Kail <GKail@awwa.org>; Kurt Vause <Kurt.Vause@awwu.biz>; David D. Weihrauch <dweihrauch@cityofoxford.org>
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Tracy,

Wanted to let you know my boss is going to speak against the Amendment on the floor when it comes up in the next hour or so. Thank you again for flagging this for us!

Hillary

From: Tracy Mehan [mailto:tmehan@awwa.org]
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2017 10:56 AM
To: Gross, Hillary <Hillary.Gross@mail.house.gov>; Dolan, Meredith (Gourash) <meredith.dolan@mail.house.gov>; David LaFrance <dlafrance@awwa.org>; Greg Kail <GKail@awwa.org>; Kurt Vause <Kurt.Vause@awwu.biz>; David D. Weihrauch <dweihrauch@cityofoxford.org>
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Nor ours! We will persevere from our end. Thank you for your following up on this.

Tracy

From: Gross, Hillary [mailto:Hillary.Gross@mail.house.gov]
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Their rational is the Committee Report language directs \$5 million of the total \$30 million for administrative expenses, which is \$3 million more than last years enacted level. Since FY 18 will be the first year EPA will actually issue loans, I

think we can all agree there will be administrative costs to carry out the program and this explanation doesn't assuage our concerns with the Amendment.

From: Tracy Mehan [<mailto:tmehan@awwa.org>]

Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2017 10:47 AM

To: Gross, Hillary <Hillary.Gross@mail.house.gov>; Dolan, Meredith (Gourash) <meredith.dolan@mail.house.gov>; David LaFrance <dlafrance@awwa.org>; Greg Kail <GKail@awwa.org>; Kurt Vause <Kurt.Vause@awwu.biz>; David D. Weihrauch <dweihrauch@cityofoxford.org>

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Most grateful.

Tracy

From: Gross, Hillary [<mailto:Hillary.Gross@mail.house.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2017 10:44 AM

To: Tracy Mehan <tmehan@awwa.org>; Dolan, Meredith (Gourash) <meredith.dolan@mail.house.gov>; David LaFrance <dlafrance@awwa.org>; Greg Kail <GKail@awwa.org>; Kurt Vause <Kurt.Vause@awwu.biz>; David D. Weihrauch <dweihrauch@cityofoxford.org>

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Hi Tracy,

I just tried giving Rep. Meng's LD a call but he wasn't available so I sent an email explaining our serious concerns and the importance of WIFIA. I asked him to return my call to discuss further. I will let you know!

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Cc: Gross, Hillary <Hillary.Gross@mail.house.gov>

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Thanks for your help, Meredith.

Tracy

From: Dolan, Meredith (Gourash) [<mailto:meredith.dolan@mail.house.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2017 10:34 AM

To: Tracy Mehan <tmehan@awwa.org>; David LaFrance <dlafrance@awwa.org>; Greg Kail <GKail@awwa.org>; Kurt Vause <Kurt.Vause@awwu.biz>; David D. Weihrauch <dweihrauch@cityofoxford.org>

Cc: Gross, Hillary <Hillary.Gross@mail.house.gov>

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Hi Tracy,

Thanks for sending over and flagging this issue for us. Looping in Hillary Gross, our legislative director, to make a call over to the Congresswoman's office and check in. We will circle back when we learn more.

Best,

Meredith

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To: David LaFrance; Greg Kail; Kurt Vause; David D. Weihrauch; Dolan, Meredith (Gourash)
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From: Tommy Holmes
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2017 10:17 AM
To: PAUL RUSH <PRush@dep.nyc.gov>
Cc: Tracy Mehan <tmehan@awwa.org>; Steve Via <SVia@awwa.org>; Doersch, Patricia <patricia.doersch@squirepb.com>
Subject: Could you all contact Rep Meng?

Good morning, Paul!

The House Rules Committee, which determines what amendments can be taken up on the House floor when a bill is up for debate, has considered in order an amendment to take \$1 million from WIFIA and send it to the National Parks Service. It is by Rep. Grace Meng, who represents Queens. Could you have your DC office put in a call to her and see what's up, and ask her to leave WIFIA alone? They could point out that the nation's need to reinvest in its water infrastructure has strong support on both sides of the aisle and in the minds of the public, so this is not the time to take away money from an infrastructure tool that has more applicants than it has money for already. I have attached a description of the amendment and inserted text below. Maybe she could withdraw her amendment.

Thanks,
Tommy

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Interior-Environment Amendments in Order on Spending Bill

The House Rules Committee on Wednesday made the following Interior-Environment amendments in order for debate on the fiscal 2018 omnibus spending bill (HR 3354):

- Reps. Martha McSally, R-Ariz., and Paul Gosar, R-Ariz., that would increase funding for BLM Forest Management by \$316,000, offset by an equal reduction to BLM Management.
- Rep. Raul M. Grijalva, D-Ariz., that would increase funding for Superfund by \$12 million, offset by an equal reduction to BLM Management.
- Rep. Darren Soto, D-Fla., that would reduce by \$500,000, then increase by the same amount, funding for National Wildlife Refuge System. The amendment is intended to direct funding to the management of invasive species.
- Rep. Vern Buchanan, R-Fla., that would U.S. Fish and Wildlife Resource Management by \$3 million, offset by an equal reduction to **EPA** Departmental Operations.
- Reps. Don Bacon, R-Neb., and Gosar, that would increase funding for US Fish and Wildlife Resource Management by 4 million, offset by an equal reduction to the agency's land acquisition account.
- Rep. Brian Mast, R-Fla., that would increase funding for USGS Survey by \$1 million, offset by an equal reduction to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Management.
- Rep. Joe Courtney, D-Conn., and four other Democrats, that would reduce funding by \$300,000, then increase by the same amount, funding for the National Park Service. The amendment is intended to direct funding for operation of the National Park System for the New England Scenic Trail.
- McSally and Gosar, that would increase funding for the National Park Service by \$10 million, offset by an equal reduction to **EPA** Management.
- Rep. David Cicilline, D-R.I., that would increase funding for the National Park System by \$2 million, offset by an equal reduction to the agency's Operation account.
- Reps. James E. Clyburn, D-S.C., and Alma Adams, D-N.C., that would increase funding for Historically Black Colleges and Universities by \$2 million, offset by an equal reduction to the Secretary's office.
- Rep. Denny Heck, D-Wash., and five other Democrats, that would prohibit funds from supporting "sanctuary cities" that prevent law enforcement officials from executing immigration laws.
- **Rep. Grace Meng, D-N.Y., that would increase funding for the National Park Service by \$1 million, offset by an equal reduction to the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Program.**
- Rep. Morgan Griffith, R-Va., that would increase the number of Appalachian states eligible for grants for the reclamation of abandoned mine lands to be used for economic and community development from 3 to 6.
- Griffith, R-Va., that would increase funding for **EPA** Environmental Programs and Management by \$80 million, and reduce funding for Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund for \$75 million.
- Rep. Glenn Thompson, R-Pa., that would increase funding for the Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation program by \$32 million, offset by an equal reduction to **EPA** Management.
- Rep. Tom O'Halleran, D-Ariz., that would increase funding for BIA construction by \$10 million, offset by an equal reduction to Interior Department operations.
- Dels. Stacey Plaskett, D-V.I., and Madeleine Z. Bordallo, D-Guam, that would increase funding for Insular Affairs Assistance to Territories by \$1 million, offset by an equal reduction to Interior Department operations.

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