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Dear Representatives of the Delaware River Basin,

We, the undersigned craft brewers of the Delaware River Basin, thank you for your previous stewardship of the Delaware River. As you begin this new Congress, we urge your continued support by providing robust funding for the Delaware River Basin Restoration Program (DRBRP) as you finalize fiscal year (FY) 2019 appropriations and begin the FY 2020 budget process. This program is crucial to improving and maintaining the quality of a critical water source the craft brewing industry depends on to operate successful and thriving businesses.

Making up 90 percent of the beer we produce, water is an essential ingredient to our craft that makes each brew unique to the local community of a brewery, and our livelihood relies on the steady supply of clean water from the River. We also recognize the essential role that the River plays in the region. It grosses \$25 billion annually in economic activity, and provides \$21 billion in ecosystem goods and services each year. The Delaware River supplies more than 15 million people with clean, reliable drinking water and provides crucial ecosystems for wildlife, recreational opportunities, and commercial services.

Across the four Basin states, our businesses and communities benefit from clean and flowing water. As craft brewers we urge our elected officials to continue to support restoration and conservation efforts in the Delaware River Basin through the DRBRP. Again, we thank you and value your continued efforts to protect the Basin, and look forward to working with you in 2019 as the appropriations process moves forward.

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