

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 24, 2023

The Honorable Mike Simpson  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and  
Related Agencies  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Chellie Pingree  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and  
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House Committee on Appropriations  
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Dear Chairman Simpson and Ranking Member Pingree,

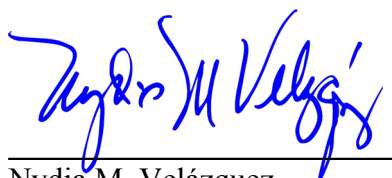
As your Subcommittee considers the Fiscal Year 2024 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, we respectfully request that you support total funding of \$356 million for the Hazardous Substance Superfund Account.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designates Superfund sites as any land in the United States that is contaminated by hazardous waste and a risk to human health and the environment. These sites are placed on the National Priorities List (NPL). The NPL has over 1,300 sites in the U.S. with known releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants. The long-term health challenges, business disruption and displacement costs are harmful to residents affected by hazardous contamination. To promote and maintain healthy communities, we must ensure all Superfund sites across this country are cleaned up.

Revitalizing contaminated land improves the quality of life for communities around the United States and is part of EPA's core mission. In FY2010, the agency invested more than \$1.3 billion to develop and implement prevention programs, improve response capabilities, and maximize the effectiveness of cleanup actions under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and other authorities. This work must continue by funding the program at \$356 million to keep up with inflation and the increase in Superfund sites.

We look forward to working with you both to ensure adequate funding for the Superfund Account and to successfully revitalize contaminated areas of our country.

Sincerely,



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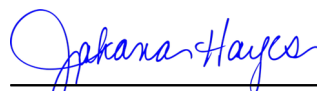
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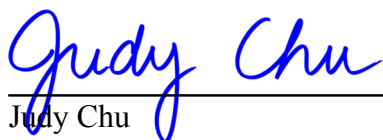
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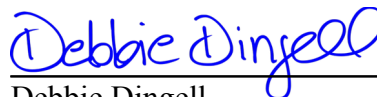
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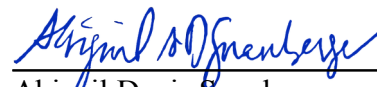
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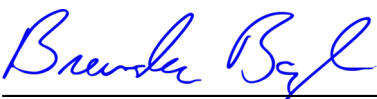
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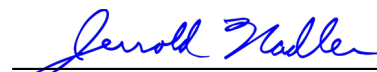
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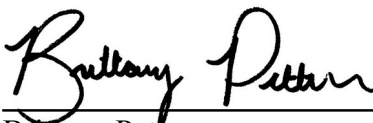
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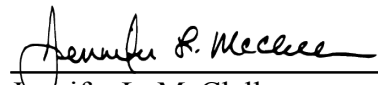
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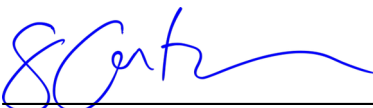
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