

USGS COALITION

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Ranking Member Betty McCollum
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Dear Representatives Rogers, Lowey, Calvert and McCollum:

On behalf of the USGS Coalition, we wish to extend our thanks for your efforts to increase funding for the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) in Fiscal Year 2017. The USGS has a truly national mission that positively impacts the lives of all Americans and is positioned to provide information and inform responses to many of the nation's greatest challenges. The USGS plays a crucial role in protecting the public from natural hazards, assessing water quality, providing geospatial data, and conducting the science necessary to manage our nation's resources.

The additional \$18 million included in H.R. 5538 for the USGS Mission Areas will allow for new program starts that have been long delayed, as well as address staffing and personnel shortages to allow for seamless continuity of critical science undertaken at the USGS.

We recognize the fiscal limitations facing Congress and appreciate the concerted efforts from your offices to ensure robust funding for the USGS. Again we thank you for your efforts on behalf of the USGS and we look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Regards,



Elizabeth A. Duffy
Co-Chair



Julie Palakovich Carr
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