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Fiscal Year 2014 programmatic for the Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

Robust funding for the **Clean Water and Drinking State Revolving Fund (SRF)**

Explanation: This request supports critical funding for the SRFs. Through low-interest loans to states to help finance drinking water infrastructure improvements and water quality protection projects, the SRFs remain key tools for pollution prevention, economic growth, and public health. As many sanitary sewers and water treatment plants nationwide remain overburdened, deteriorating, and aging, SRFs provide a portion of critical and urgent investment for maintaining safe and effective water infrastructure.

\$30 million for the **Diesel Emissions Reductions Program**

Explanation: Twenty million old diesel engines are in use today that pollute communities and threaten workers. Immense opportunities remain to reduce diesel emissions through the DERA program.

Robust funding for the **Fish & Wildlife Service – State and Tribal Grants Program**

Explanation: In FY2013, approximately \$58 million was appropriated for the program, the nation's core program to prevent wildlife from becoming endangered in every state. Through early and strategic action to conserve declining wildlife and their habitats, this program has been successful in preventing additional listings, reducing conflicts, and saving both wildlife and taxpayer dollars.

\$141 million for **Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Conservation**

Explanation: The President's FY 2014 budget request is \$141 million with \$5.9 million to address the invasion of Asian carp in the Great Lakes and priority watersheds, including the Missouri, Ohio and Upper Mississippi River.

\$300 million for the **Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI)**

Explanation: The GLRI is an inter-agency program designed to address the most significant problems in the Great Lakes, and works to protect, restore, and maintain the Great Lakes ecosystem. The Great Lakes are the source of drinking water for 30 million Americans, and hold 95 percent of our nation's supply of fresh water.

Robust funding for the **Hazardous Substance Superfund**

Explanation: Funding will ensure the health and safety of the American public.

\$55.91 million for the **Historic Preservation Fund**, including \$46.925 million for **State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs)** and \$8.985 million for **Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs)**

Explanation: SHPOs carry out the National Historic Preservation Act which provides citizens the tools they need to revitalize, rehabilitate, and protect the places that give meaning to America. Funding for SHPOs leverages investments through local jobs, non-federal contributions and long-term economic development. THPOs carry out many of

the same functions as SHPOs in tribal areas. In 2012, the Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit, administered by SHPOs, leveraged over \$5.3 billion in private investment and created nearly 57,000 jobs.

Robust funding for the **Land and Water Conservation Fund**

Explanation: Since its creation, the LWCF has helped to ensure the permanent protection, recreational access, and maintenance of critical lands in our national forests, recreation areas, parks, wildlife refuges, Civil War battlefields, and historic sites. Equally important, it has provided matching funds to support countless state park and recreation projects in thousands of communities in every state in the nation.

Robust funding for the **Multinational Species Conservation Fund**

Explanation: MSCF programs help to sustain wildlife populations, address threats by controlling poaching, reducing human-wildlife conflict, and protecting essential habitats. By working with local communities, they also improve people's livelihoods, contribute to local and regional stability, and can support U.S. security interests in impoverished regions.

\$26.8 million for the **National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program, Federal and State Partnerships**

Explanation: The National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program (NCGMP) is a cop between State Geological Surveys, institutions of higher education, and the USGS. Geologic maps, the principal product of NCGMP, are used by businesses and governments to locate vital ground and surface water, minerals, and fuels for consumption, conservation, and planning. The NCGMP saves the country money, produces wealth, enhances economic competitiveness by locating resources for development and conservation, and helps identify and avoid hazards before lives are lost or excessive costs are incurred. The private and public sector, as well as local, state, tribal, and federal government agencies, rely on these maps. A \$28 million mapping program, has been shown to have the potential to generate \$700 million to \$1.1 billion in value.

\$139 million for the **National Endowment for the Humanities**

Explanation: This level of funding would be the lowest since 2005. NEH is the primary source of federal support for humanities research and related activities in the United States. The Endowment provides competitive grant funding for research and scholarship in history, literature, foreign languages, and other fields that provide individuals with critical ethical, cultural, and historical perspective. Investment in the humanities advances vital U.S. interests by fostering a globally competitive workforce, strengthening civic engagement, preserving our cultural heritage, and protecting our national security.

Robust funding for the **National Landscape Conservation System**

Explanation: The System accounts for only 10 percent of the Bureau's lands, yet accommodates a third of its recreation activity and millions visit system units each year. The System has suffered from significant underfunding since its inception, consistently receiving less than 4 percent of the Bureau's budget, or less than \$3 per acre. This

funding will help prevent the loss of irreplaceable landscapes and irreparable damage to our national treasures under the care of the Bureau of Land Management.

\$2.822 million for the **National Park's Partnership Wild and Scenic Rivers Program**

Explanation: The program protects nationally-significant rivers that flow through privately-owned or state-owned lands within the United States by preserving them in a natural, free-flowing condition. The program engages private interests and all levels of government in studying, planning, and managing the rivers for the benefit of future generations.

\$146.3 million for the **NEA**

Explanation: This will help to ensure that our communities, especially underserved or rural communities receive support to enhance their cultural, artistic, and innovative opportunities in the arts.

Robust funding for the **North American Wetlands Conservation Act**

Explanation: Wetlands play a vital role in maintaining the quality of our environment, and is an effective investment of federal wetlands dollars in the federal budget. Expenditures from the program create, on average, nearly 3,800 new jobs annually in the United States, and generate nearly \$840 million in worker earnings each year.

\$44 million for the **State Humanities Councils**, to include Federal/State Partnership

Explanation: the 56 state humanities councils support and deliver humanities programs throughout the nation. Councils reach more than 5,700 communities each year, work with almost 10,000 local organizations and serve hundreds of thousands of citizens, student, teachers, veterans, seniors and others, many of whom would not otherwise have access to live public programs. This funding would ensure that these important interactions continue.

\$15 million for **Technical Assistance and Training, Environmental Protection**

Small and rural communities rely on local/onsite technical assistance and training for compliance with federal EPA regulations, avoiding EPA fines, and operating drinking water and wastewater supplies. This technical assistance provides small and rural communities the shared technical resources to ensure quality water and stay in compliance.

\$8.985 million for the **Tribal Historic Preservation Officers**

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