

**Statement of Representative David Trone (MD-06)**  
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Thank you Chairwoman Napolitano and Ranking Member Rouzer for the opportunity to submit testimony to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. As you draft the Water Resources Development Act of 2022, I would like to highlight two priorities that are essential to my district - Maryland's sixth - and the wider community.

As our nation works to repair our infrastructure, it is critical that we discuss the impact these systems have on the health of our communities and the health of our environment. Within my district, the Town of Boonsboro and the City of Brunswick need support to address infrastructure needs. Local officials have worked hard to find solutions to growing issues in order to support Marylanders and protect our environment.

My first request to the committee is for the environmental infrastructure needs of the Town of Boonsboro, including replacing the Boonsboro Reservoir. The Boonsboro Reservoir is an aging 1.3 million gallon drinking water reservoir built in 1954. The reservoir serves both Boonsboro and Keedysville, which Boonsboro shares a drinking water system with. Unfortunately, the reservoir is suffering from leaks which impair its function and cost the town an estimated 15,000 to 25,000 gallons of treated water per day. Due to the reservoir's age and condition, the reservoir is unable to be repaired. If the sidewalls and levees were to fail, the resulting flooding and disruption in water service would be devastating from both a public health

and environmental perspective. **I am requesting \$5 million in environmental infrastructure funding to address the needs of the town, including replacing the broken reservoir and preventing future damage.**

My second request to the committee would support the environmental infrastructure needs of the City of Brunswick, including upgrading the Brunswick Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Brunswick Wastewater Treatment Plant was constructed in the 1980s and designed to treat 0.6 million gallons a day of municipal wastewater. In 2007, the plant upgraded the treatment capacity to 1.4 million gallons a day. Today, the plant has equipment that is near failure, and the town is at risk of violating the Sewage Sludge Utilization Permit due to inadequate sludge dewatering. As it stands, the plant also lacks the treatment capacity for future expansion. **I am requesting \$15 million in environmental infrastructure funding to address the needs of the city, including resolving the immediate needs of the plant and increasing the treatment capacity.**

Chairwoman Napolitano, Ranking Member Rouzer, and members of the Subcommittee -- thank you again for the opportunity to submit this testimony. I look forward to working with you to ensure that the Water Resources Development Act of 2022 reflects our priorities and needs as a nation.