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TO: NACAA AIR DIRECTORS

Congress has begun considering FY 2025 appropriations, including federal grants to state and local air agencies. We need your help in making a strong case to Congress about the need for increases in your federal grants. It is especially important that agencies with Representatives or Senators on the House and Senate Appropriations Committees or the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittees contact their Members of Congress (or staffs) and urge the adoption of legislation that increases federal grants. We are providing you with information to help with this.

If your Congressional delegation does not include members of the committees or subcommittees, it is still helpful to contact them to ask that they convey immediately to the subcommittees the need for increased funding for Section 103/105 grants. Even if you are unable to send a letter, it would be very useful to send an informal email or call their offices. Additionally, please consider articulating the need for additional funding to decisionmakers within your own agency/jurisdiction who may be able to contact Congressional leaders.

The following is some information that would be helpful for those communications:

- A [model letter](#) to help prepare your own correspondence to Congress. We urge you to tailor it to include your own words and highlight your local details. If your letter is not sent to a member of the committee or subcommittee, please also send a copy to the committee and subcommittee chairs (their mailing addresses are provided on the websites linked below).
- Lists of the members of
  - the [House Appropriations Committee](#);
  - the [House Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Independent Agencies](#);
  - the [Senate Appropriations Committee](#); and
  - the [Senate Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Independent Agencies](#).
- A [NACAA one-pager](#) containing funding recommendations that you may wish to share with interested parties and decisionmakers.

Your input matters. Please contact your representatives and/or ask your local board members or agency heads to contact your Congressional delegation. When you send a letter to a Member of Congress on this issue, please provide Mary Sullivan Douglas of NACAA with a copy as well. If you have any questions, please contact Mary at [mdouglas@4cleanair.org](mailto:mdouglas@4cleanair.org).