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Dear Executive Director Tambini:

As the Chair and Federal Representative of the Delaware River Basin Commission, it gives me great pleasure, on behalf of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers North Atlantic Division, to extend our congratulations on the DRBC's 60th anniversary. This significant milestone is a testament to the Commission's critical work in providing protection and security to the Delaware River Basin.

The history of this Commission is storied and impressive. From its beginnings, the DRBC became a model in water quality control, soon reversing decades of pollution suffered throughout the lower Delaware River. In the years that followed, the Commission continued to innovate and is now recognized as a leader in water policy and regulatory practice. For the millions of Americans who rely on the Delaware River to provide clean drinking water, agricultural and commercial use, recreation, river faring and more, the DRBC is an essential partner in their everyday lives.

USACE and DRBC have successfully partnered on watershed and environmental studies, floodplain management initiatives, and education and outreach programs. We've also maintained long-standing water supply agreements with DRBC at our Blue Marsh Lake and Beltzville Lake reservoirs. Many of my team members, from regulators to hydrologists and dam operators, routinely work cooperatively with DRBC staff.

I am proud to work collaboratively with DRBC, alongside my alternate counterparts at the Philadelphia District — Lt. Col. Ramon Brigantti, District Commander; and at the Division, Valerie Cappola, Program Manager, and Hank Gruber, Deputy Chief of Planning and Policy. We look forward to our continued relationship with the DRBC, as we work together to ensure the responsible management of the Delaware River's water resources.

To our partners on the Commission and the staff members of all parties, past and present, who have made this mission possible, again, congratulations, and thank you for all you do.

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