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Hello Friends,

I hope everyone is enjoying the start of a great Memorial Day weekend. So often I receive emails and phone calls asking how you can help FUDR with what we all feel is important work in saving and enhancing our amazing natural resources here in the Upper Delaware River Basin. Last year I sent you information on the Delaware River Basin Conservation Act and encouraged you to write letters of support at that time. Your efforts have paid off and we are much closer in getting this great bill closer to the finish line.

I would like to personally thank and acknowledge the DE, NJ and NY Senators that have agreed to co-sponsor the Delaware River Basin Conservation Act (being led by Senator Carper of DE). Without their help we would not be where we are today. Senator Carper is hopeful that one or both of the Pennsylvania Senators will join the bill so all 4 of the Basin states are represented on the bill. It is our understanding that Senator Casey will agree to co-sponsor the bill if his staff hears from enough people in Pennsylvania about the bill this week.

Please send emails to Senator Casey in support of the Delaware River Basin Conservation Act and be sure to copy and thank the Senators that have already signed on from the NY, DE, and NJ. This bill will help bring attention and potential funding to our area that is much needed and long overdue.

The Draft bill and a fact sheet are attached. The staff contacts for Senator Casey are Liz Hermsen and Maureen O'Dea. Their emails are:

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The phone number for the DC office is (202) 224-6324.

It is anticipated the bill will be introduced around June 6th. A press event is scheduled for Noon on June 3rd in Wilmington at the offices of the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary (this is a public event and all are welcome!).

Thanks for all your support and outreach on this effort.

Dan Plummer, Chairman FUDR

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