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Senator John Kennedy, Chair  
Senator Patty Murray, Ranking Member  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development  
Room S-128 Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Kennedy and Ranking Member Murray:

The Interstate Council on Water Policy (ICWP) respectfully urges the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development to fund the US Army Corps of Engineers Planning Assistance to States and Tribes Program (PAS&T) at no less than \$9M for FY2027. Our member agencies including state, local, regional, and interstate water resource managers depend on PAS&T's 50/50 cost-share projects to deliver critical studies, modeling, and engineering solutions that protect communities and advance sustainable water management across the nation.

Demand for PAS&T funding continues to surge as local governments face unprecedented water challenges, from flood risk and infrastructure deterioration to the urgent need for water quality improvements and support for disadvantaged communities. Continued support for sufficient PAS&T funding will help states and tribes leverage federal resources to respond quickly, innovate, and build resilience where it's needed most. Without adequate funding, priority projects risk delay and solutions for our nation's water security are compromised. **PAS&T empowers states and nonfederal partners to:**

- Address flooding and mitigate risks through comprehensive planning;
- Advance sedimentation, erosion, and watershed management studies;
- Improve water quality and ensure sustainable reservoir operations;
- Support state water plan development and small community assistance.

Investing in PAS&T for FY2027 is a smart, cost-effective way to strengthen our nation's water infrastructure and safeguard public health. We urge Congress to prioritize PAS&T funding and ensure these essential projects continue to deliver lasting value for communities nationwide.

Thank you for your leadership on water policy. Please contact ICWP at [beth@icwp.org](mailto:beth@icwp.org) or 307-772-1999 for more information or to connect with our members.

Regards,

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