



# **Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen**

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## *House Committee on Appropriations*

**Fiscal Year 2018 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill – Subcommittee Markup  
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Opening Statement As Prepared**

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman for the time and for all your hard work and that of members of the Subcommittee and this excellent staff to make this mark-up possible.

I will reserve my more expansive remarks for full committee. But I am pleased to be here to consider legislation that increases our national security, supports U.S. nuclear weapons, and maintains our critical infrastructure through the work of the Army Corps of Engineers.

The bill before us today: targets funding toward national security efforts – including nuclear weapons activities; makes important investments for our national and regional ports and waterways that promote economic growth; and continues our commitment to an “all-of-the-above” solution to energy independence, providing for our national laboratories and America’s researchers.

I urge its adoption.

Once again, I want to thank the Chair, the Ranking Members, all members of the Subcommittee for producing such a strong bill.

Mr. Chairman, thank you for the time. I yield back.

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