

**Rep. Wittman (VA-01) Statement for
Member Day at Transportation and Infrastructure Committee**

- Chairman Graves, Ranking Member Larsen, Members of the Committee – I am grateful to join you today to share more about Virginia’s First District.
- Virginia’s First District is full of natural resources that play important roles in the culture, economy, history, and recreation of our communities.
- Of note, the Little Wicomico River is located at the junction between the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay and serves as a lifeline for Northumberland County’s watermen, boaters, and local businesses.
- Today, it is in clear need of maintenance dredging.
- Over time, sediment has built up - narrowing the channel, making navigation more difficult and limiting reliable access to docks, marinas, and working waterfronts, while also disrupting natural tidal flow.
- As an avid outdoorsman, I’ve seen firsthand how well-maintained waterways support both access and conservation — allowing watermen to work safely, recreational boaters to navigate with confidence, and marine habitats to remain productive.
- As I continue to work with this Committee, the Administration, and stakeholders – both state and local, I want to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to raise this important issue to you today.