

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 5770
OFFERED BY MR. NEGUSE OF COLORADO**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Water Monitoring and
3 Tracking Essential Resources (WATER) Data Improve-
4 ment Act”.

**5 SEC. 2. WATER DATA ENHANCEMENT BY UNITED STATES
6 GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.**

7 Section 9507 of the Omnibus Public Land Manage-
8 ment Act of 2009 (42 U.S.C. 10367) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)—

10 (A) by striking the heading and inserting
11 “FEDERAL PRIORITY STREAMGAGE PROGRAM”;

12 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “national
13 streamflow information program, as reviewed by
14 the National Research Council in 2004” and in-
15 serting “Federal priority streamgage program”;

16 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking “national
17 streamflow information program” each place it

1 appears and inserting “Federal priority
2 streamgange program”;

3 (D) in paragraph (4)—

4 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

5 (I) by striking “2009” and in-
6 serting “2023”; and

7 (II) in clause (ii), by inserting
8 “precipitation” before “water-quality
9 sensors”; and

10 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
11 “National streamflow information program
12 as reviewed by the National Research
13 Council.” and inserting “Federal needs es-
14 tablished through regular solicitation of
15 feedback, such as that documented in the
16 report titled ‘Re-prioritization of the U.S.
17 Geological Survey Federal Priority
18 streamgange program, 2022’ (Open-file Re-
19 port 2023-1032).”;

20 (E) in paragraph (5), by striking “national
21 streamgaging network” each place it appears
22 and inserting “Federal priority streamgange net-
23 work”; and

24 (F) in paragraph (6)—

25 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

1 (I) by striking “national
2 streamflow information program” and
3 inserting “Federal priority
4 streamgage program”; and

5 (II) by striking “2023” and in-
6 sserting “2028”; and

7 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
8 “2019” and inserting “2028”;

9 (2) in subsection (b)—

10 (A) in paragraph (2)—

11 (i) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
12 “and Tribes” after “agencies” and

13 (ii) in subparagraph (C)—

14 (I) by inserting “or Tribal lands”
15 after “within a State”; and

16 (II) by inserting “or Tribe” after
17 “water resource agency”;

18 (B) in paragraph (6), by inserting “, a
19 Tribe” after “a State”; and

20 (C) in paragraph (7)—

21 (i) by striking “such sums as are nec-
22 essary” and inserting “\$4,000,000 per fis-
23 cal year”; and

24 (ii) by striking “2009 through 2023”
25 and inserting “2023 through 2028”;

1 (3) by striking subsection (c);

2 (4) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
3 section (c); and

4 (5) in subsection (c)(4) (as so redesignated by
5 this subsection), by striking “2019” and inserting
6 “2028”.

