

**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.