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Reps. Capito and Driehaus Announce Bipartisan Ohio River Basin Caucus *Capito, Driehaus Honored by Ohio River Valley Sanitation Commission*

WASHINGTON- Representatives Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.Va., and Steve Driehaus, D-Ohio, today announced the establishment of the bipartisan Ohio River Basin Congressional Caucus. The caucus is dedicated to addressing critical economic, infrastructure, agricultural, environmental, and community issues within the entire Ohio River Basin and watershed. Reps. Capito and Driehaus will serve as caucus co-chairs.

“The Ohio River Valley has long been a critical economic pipeline that connects manufacturers, farmers and other businesses to markets across our nation and around the world,” said Capito. “And I’m pleased to work with my colleague from Ohio in a joint effort to support the entire Ohio Valley region. The river’s impact is great, and it’s our hope that this important caucus will help support the region’s interests for years to come.”

“The Ohio River is not only central to the history and economy of greater Cincinnati, but it’s critical to commerce, agriculture, and transportation for a huge part of the United States. I’m proud to join with Representative Capito so that we can work to promote and protect the Ohio River Basin and the millions of people whose lives are impacted by the Ohio River,” said Rep. Driehaus.

The Ohio River Valley Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO) recognized Reps. Capito and Driehaus as “Ohio River Champions” in recognition of their leadership in establishing the Ohio River Basin Caucus.

The Ohio River Basin includes 55 Congressional districts in 14 states. The Ohio River Watershed covers 203,940 square miles and is populated by more than 25 million people.