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Subject: CRF funding request for ANR facilities

Good afternoon Sen. Kitchel and Rep. Toll.

As you know, ANR hosts a significant number of visitors annually, not only at our 55 state parks, but also at the two Green Mountain Conservation Camps (900 children annually), visitor centers, fish hatcheries, access areas, public shooting ranges and wildlife management areas. Many of these facilities lack sanitary facilities with running water or have facilities which need improvements ranging from modest renovations of select assets to provide space for appropriate social distancing to the simple addition of things like soap and paper towel dispensers. Other critical needs in this space include purchases additional PPE and cleaning supplies to enhance maintenance practices, installing and maintaining portable bathrooms heavily used access areas and trail heads, and installing handwashing stations at high use facilities.

Given our plans to open (or reopen) many of these facilities to the public next month, as well as the anticipated increase in usage that occurs as weather warms, this is a time-sensitive request and as such I am asking for your consideration during the FY20 budget adjustment process. Specifically, I am writing to ask you to consider allocating \$2m of CRF funds for sanitation improvements at ANR facilities, in the form of two one-time appropriations that will carry-forward into FY21 – with \$1.3m to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, and \$700k to the Department of Fish & Wildlife.

Please let me know if you have questions or if there is additional information that I can provide.

Best,
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