

One Minute Speech
Flexible Flow Management Program

Mr. Speaker, I would like draw the House's attention to the ongoing negotiations between New York City and the states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware regarding the Flexible Flow Management Program.

- The current Flexible Flow Management Program, which governs New York City Reservoir releases in the Delaware River basin, expires on May 31.
- This interstate agreement is a critically important water management tool that helps mitigate the downstream impacts of New York City's reservoirs.
- In addition to supporting water allocation goals, the FFMP helps control the flow of water downstream, decreasing the likelihood of catastrophic flooding events. The FFMP also provides critical support to the Delaware River trout fishery, which is an important part of the Catskill's economy.
- Unfortunately, if the FFMP is allowed to expire, we jeopardize the safety and well-being of constituents along the entire length of the Delaware River.
- The progress that has been made towards finalizing the FFMP agreement cannot be lost due to a breakdown in communications between Decree Party Members.
- I encourage all parties to return to the table and agree to a one-year extension to allow the negotiation process to continue.