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RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2021

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Ms. MCCOLLUM, from the Committee on Appropriations,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

together with

MINORITY VIEWS

[To accompany H.R. 7612]

The Committee on Appropriations submits the following report in explanation of the accompanying bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021. The bill provides regular annual appropriations for the Department of the Interior (except the Bureau of Reclamation and the Central Utah Project), the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other related agencies, including the Forest Service, the Indian Health Service, the Smithsonian Institution, and the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities.

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tion (September 1–November 1); determine the scale of collisions; and assess whether retrofits to windows will reduce collisions. At a minimum, all agencies are directed to take low cost or no cost action, such as turning off interior lights at night or applying films or other adhesives to glass windows to reduce bird collisions.

BODY CAMERAS

The Department of the Interior is directed to provide the Committee with a plan for outfitting all law enforcement officers with body cameras. The plan should include cost estimates with a breakdown for equipment and additional staffing requirements, including those dealing with data management and an analysis of what policies and training are necessary for implementation. The Department is directed to submit the report within 120 days of enactment of the Act.

CORAL REEF HEALTH

The Committee remains concerned that an unprecedented coral disease outbreak especially along the Florida Reef Tract, has left America's Great Barrier Reef on the brink of functional extinction, posing a significant obstacle to coral reef restoration efforts. Coral reef tracts serve as a major economic driver for the State of Florida and the U.S. territories, and are the most biologically diverse ecosystems in the ocean. The Committee recognizes the restoration work of the Department of the Interior and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, as well as state and territorial government partners, to support coral monitoring, research, and restoration efforts in highly impacted and high priority coral reef habitats in U.S. waters, including in Biscayne National Park and Dry Tortugas National Park, and further recommends the diversion of additional resources to support the state and local partners conducting this work on a daily basis.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

The Committee directs each of the agencies funded by this Act to develop standards to improve customer service and incorporate the standards into the performance plans required under title 31 of the United States Code.

DRONE INCURSIONS

The Forest Service, in consultation with the Bureau of Land Management, shall report to the Committees on Appropriations within 180 days of enactment of this Act, on the number of times that a drone incursion has interfered with wildfire suppression activities on federal lands in the past five calendar years, the actions taken to prevent drone incursions, and recommendations to prevent future incursions.

EDUCATIONAL AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS

The Committee strongly supports academic internships, partnerships, and educational and outreach programs of the agencies funded through the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies appropriations bill and encourages them to ensure that their efforts reach the widest possible audience including, but not limited to,