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Secretary Deb Haaland
Department of the Interior
U.S. Geological Surveys
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington DC 20240

RE: Renaming Waterways in Monroe County
Letter of Support

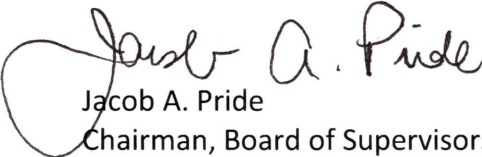
Ms. Haaland:

Smithfield Township is home to many significant historical and geographical locations, many of which have historically significant names. Multiple waterways in or adjacent to Smithfield Township have the derogatory term “Sambo” in their name.

At their meeting on March 22, 2023, the Board of Supervisors pledged their support and desire to rename Sambo Creek, Little Sambo Creek, and all other associated waterways with derogatory names in or adjacent to Smithfield Township. The Smithfield Township Board of Supervisors is committed to providing a welcoming environment for all persons, and it is past time for this offensive word to be expunged from the names of waterways.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Township Manager Julia Heilakka at julia@smithfieldtownship.com or 570-223-5082 ext. 9.

Sincerely,


Jacob A. Pride
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Smithfield Township