

**A Video Message From  
Pallavi Phartiyal, Ph.D., Board Chair  
Tom Kiernan, President**

**TOM:** Over this past year, we've seen how very important our rivers are and river health is to this country. So I want to start off with deep gratitude to our generous supporters for your financial support of American rivers that enables us to do the river protection work we are doing.

**PALLAVI:** This has been a tremendous year of breakthroughs for rivers, and it's all thanks to your commitment and your belief in our mission.

**TOM:** To give you a sense of some of the breakthroughs and some of the work of this past year... First, removing dams throughout the country, from Pennsylvania to North Carolina, we removed a lot of dams, and we secured \$1.6 billion from the bipartisan infrastructure bill so that we can take down more dams throughout the country in the coming years.

We also protected wild rivers from Montana and New Mexico and Colorado. And lastly, we reconnected rivers and restored and conserved water in rivers, for example working in cities like Raleigh and Grand Rapids, Michigan. We worked with them to conserve water in their townships.

**PALLAVI:** Your donations powered this work and so much more. And as we look forward to 2023 and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of American Rivers, we will stay steadfast in our commitment to protecting wild rivers, restoring damaged rivers, and conserving clean water for people and nature. And we will supercharge our work at a scale unseen before.

**TOM:** So, thank you very much for standing with us and thank you very much for your support this year and in the years ahead