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Michael L. Parson, Governor

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The Honorable Samuel B. Graves
United States Congress
1135 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Graves:

This letter is to express continuing support from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (Department) for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Lower Missouri River Holt County, MO, Doniphan County, KS Study. This project seeks to provide protection and resiliency along the Missouri River near Holt County, Missouri and Doniphan County, Kansas.

Missouri has been investing significant time and funding, along with the states of Kansas, Iowa, and Nebraska in Lower Missouri river resiliency since the flooding of 2019. The Holt County area has been identified as a key area for focused work to increase protection and resiliency of the river, the ecosystem, and the citizens & agricultural resources in the area. The Department has been working with landowners, levee districts, leaders from the area, and other interested citizens to understand areas and causes of recurrent damages from flood events.

The USACE can bring valuable hydrology, hydraulic, and engineering expertise to develop solutions for this area. The Department fully supports continued investment of funding to address issues in this area to provide lasting benefit to all stakeholders.

Please let us know if you need any additional information or detail. I can be contacted by phone at 573-522-6221 or via email at dru.buntin@dnr.mo.gov.

Sincerely,

Dru Buntin
Director

