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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

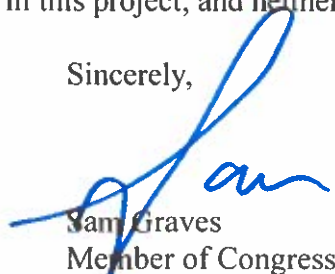
I am requesting funding for Missouri River, Sioux City to the Mouth, IA, KS, MO, & NE project in fiscal year 2025. The entities to receive funding for this project is United States Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District, located at 60 E 12th St, Kansas City, MO 64106 and the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District, located at 1616 Capitol Avenue Suite 365, Omaha, NE 68102-4901.

The Missouri River, Sioux City to the mouth, IA, KS, MO & NE project funds all operations and maintenance activities on the Lower Missouri River, including maintenance of the Bank Stabilization and Navigation Project river control structures that are essential to maintaining the River's self-scouring navigation channel. Due to reporting challenges and the Missouri River's "low use" classification, historically, operations and maintenance have been severely underfunded, leading to many of the dikes and revetments on the river falling into disrepair. After the 2019 Flood, a lot of progress was made in repairing these structures, however, continued long-term investments are necessary to ensure the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has the resources to maintain the navigation channel in the long term—which is critical to continuing growth in navigation on the river, including through the development of container-on-barge technologies. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because investing in the Missouri River's navigation channel will support the ability to navigate the river during drought conditions, delivering significant economic development benefits to the region, while protecting federal and nonfederal levee systems from bank erosion.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Flood Control Acts of 1912 (P.L. 62-241), 1917 (P.L. 64-367), 1925 (P.L. 68-585), 1927 (P.L. 70-560), 1930 (P.L. 73-67), 1935 (P.L. 73-409), 1945 (P.L. 79-14), 1970 (P.L. 91-611), Water Resource and Development Act (WRDA) 1986 & 1999 and WRDA 2007, Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1958 (P.L. 85-624).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Sam Graves
Member of Congress

Date Signed: May 3, 2024