

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2506

May 2, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:


I am requesting funding for Upper Mississippi River – Illinois WW System, IL, IA, MN, MO & WI in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is United States Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, located at 1500 Rock Island Drive Rock Island, IL 61204.

The funding would be used to for systemic mitigation, site investigation for the remaining Navigation and Sustainability Project (NESP) locks, switchboats, regional program initiatives, and ecosystem restoration. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it builds on prior investments in navigation work on the Upper Mississippi River. These investments are critical for farmers in my district that rely on navigation on the river to bring fertilizer into the Midwest and ship our grain products to customers across the country and around the world.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by sections 8003 and 8004 of Title VIII of Public Law 110-114.

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 2, 2024