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The Honorable Tom Cole  
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth HOB  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:


I am requesting funding for the Missouri Water Center project in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Missouri, located at 105 Jesse Hall, Columbia, MO 65211.

Water is a critical resource for Missouri, supporting millions of residents, agricultural productivity, commercial navigation, and economic development. However, the state faces increasing challenges due to severe flooding and drought conditions, which have caused billions of dollars in damages and economic losses over the past decade. To enhance flood prediction, improve hydrological modeling, and strengthen economic analyses related to water resource management, the University of Missouri has established the Missouri Water Center (MWC) as a premier institution for water research and education. MWC is uniquely positioned to lead advanced studies and modeling efforts in hydrology and water resource management. This proposal requests \$14 million in funding under the NIST-Scientific and Technical Research account to support research and modeling efforts that will improve and transform the flood and drought management in the Lower Missouri River Basin. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer dollars because it will advance research to better manage water resources in the State of Missouri.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 272 of the Title 15 United States Code.

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: April 30, 2025