

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

March 21, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:


I am requesting funding for UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER - ILLINOIS WW SYSTEM, IL, IA, MN, MO & WI in fiscal year 2024. 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 advance two mooring cells, Lock and Dam 22 fish passage, an island construction project in Pool 24, and floodplain restoration activities to address significant floodplain forest loss. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it builds on prior investments in Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023 to continue investments in critical navigation investments 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: March 21, 2023