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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capital
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting \$25 million for construction for the Upper Mississippi River - Illinois WW System, IL, IA, MN, MO & WI program, also known as the Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability Program (NESP).

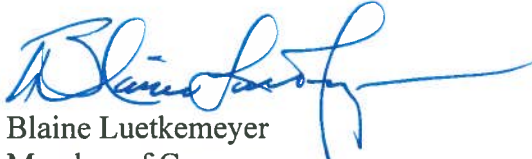
The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Rock Island District, via the Inland Waterways Trust Fund, located at 1500 Rock Island Dr, Rock Island, IL 61201.

The funding would be used to address improvements to roughly the busiest one-fifth of UMR-IWW locks in the system of 1,175 miles of commercially navigable waters.

This is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because each of the NESP locks are approaching 90 years of age and constrain traffic with their single chambers of 600 feet in length. Construction of a 1,200-foot chamber adjacent to the existing 600-foot chamber will provide more efficient transportation not only from their size but also via making two-way transit at locks possible.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Blaine Luetkemeyer
Member of Congress