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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Upper Mississippi River – Illinois WW System, IL, IA, MN, MO &WI project in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District located at 1500 Rock Island Drive, Rock Island, Illinois 61201.

The Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability Program (NESP) is a long-term program of navigation improvements and ecosystem restoration for the Upper Mississippi River System (UMRS). This funding will be used for improving navigation on the Upper Mississippi River - Illinois waterway by constructing two mooring cells and performing work on the LaGrange Lock and Dam in Illinois. It is critical this project moves forward with consistent funding to build on the progress of beginning construction on Lock and Dam 25 at Winfield, Missouri.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by sections 8003 and 8004 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (Public Law P.L. 110-114).

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

Sincerely,

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