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March 20, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Upper Mississippi - Illinois Waterway System project in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers St. Louis District. The funding would be used for several Mississippi River improvement efforts, including navigation improvements and aquatic ecosystem restoration. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it ensures the economic and environmental sustainability of the waterway.

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nikki Budzinski".

Nikki Budzinski
Member of Congress