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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability Program (NESP) in Fiscal Year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers located at 1500 Rock Island Drive, Rock Island, IL 61204 . The funding would be used to upgrade the locks and dams and protect ecosystems along the Mississippi River. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because investing in inland waterway navigation supports our economy on the local and national level by facilitating the timely movement of goods along waterways.

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

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

Sincerely,



Eric Sorensen
Member of Congress