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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Red River Below Denison Dam project in Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. The entity receiving funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The funding would be used for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District, to complete Items 9A and 9B of the Red River Below Denison Dam levee system restoration and rehabilitation project. The overall project will increase flood protection for about 1.7 million acres of land and over 100,000 people in southwestern Arkansas and northwestern Louisiana. The Vicksburg District has confirmed that in FY2024, it has a total capability of \$8.8 million to complete Items 9A and 9B.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will ensure appropriate flood control on this part of the Red River. There is significant risk of increased flood insurance premiums to local residents with levee decertification as well as loss of property and livelihoods should the current levee system fail.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 201 of the River and Harbor Act of 1962 (P.L. 87-874).

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

Sincerely,



Bruce Westerman
Member of Congress