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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Red River Emergency Bank Protection – Dickson Revetment 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 to complete emergency bank stabilization on the Red River near the Long Prairie Levee District in Arkansas. The Corps has indicated that further delays in bank stabilization will endanger levees, public roads, bridges, and other infrastructure along the river. The Vicksburg District has confirmed that in FY2024, it has a total capability of \$5 million to complete this an additional phase of this project.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will ensure appropriate flood control on this part of the Red River, and it is critical to maintaining the existing river channel, which is used for interstate commerce.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 101 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1968 and Section 187 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1976.

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