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The Honorable Chuck Fleischmann
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Energy,
and Water Development, &
Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Marcy Kaptur
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Fleischmann and Ranking Member Kaptur:

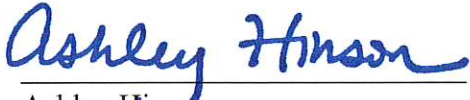
As you craft the fiscal year 2024 Energy, and Water Development, & Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you include \$3,000,000 for the Upper Mississippi River Flow Frequency Study as a community project funding request through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Investigations account. The intended recipient is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, located at 1500 Rock Island Drive, Rock Island, Illinois, 61201.

This project aims to improve the understanding of water flows on the Upper Mississippi River to help residents prepare for extreme flood events. Current assumptions about the likelihood and magnitude of major flood events on the Upper Mississippi River are based on conditions experienced prior to 1998. Given changes on the river over the last 20 years, updated probability estimates will allow communities along the Upper Mississippi River to plan more effectively for flood events. Accurate and accessible information will improve the ability of the Corps and other community partners to develop a systemic flood plan and improve management capabilities. This funding will allow the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to complete the hydraulic routing model and associated flow and climate assessments, employ the analyses, and develop a report of the findings.

The need for updated flow frequency probabilities on the Upper Mississippi River was recognized by Congress in Section 8219 of the 2022 Water Resources Development Act. Flood risk assessments and forecasting capabilities will help to reduce damages and loss of life associated with increasingly frequent and extreme flood events on the Upper Mississippi River. Iowa's Second Congressional District is especially susceptible to extreme flooding events, including a 2008 flood that caused over a billion dollars in damage across the state.

I strongly urge the Committee to include this community project funding request in the FY24 Energy, and Water Development, & Related Agencies Appropriations bill. I appreciate your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ashley Hinson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

Ashley Hinson
Member of Congress
Committee on Appropriations