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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the Fairfax Jersey Creek Upper Unit Levee in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Fairfax Drainage District, located at 1620 Fairfax Trafficway, Kansas City, Kansas, 66115.

The funding would be used for levee maintenance of the Fairfax Jersey Creek Upper Levee. The Fairfax Drainage District (FDD) owns and operates a levee system protecting some 120 businesses in a 2,000+ acre industrial park along the right bank of the Missouri River in Kansas City, Kansas. A critical and much needed component to the underseepage infrastructure was omitted when the Fairfax levee was constructed by the Federal Government in the 1940's. Specifically, the nearly 35,000 ft. of 10" to 15" perforated collector lines (embedded within the landside levee slope to collect and convey horizontal seepage flow through the levee during elevated river stages) lack access manholes for the FDD to carry out a very important maintenance function – that of being able to inspect and maintain its aging seepage collector lines which would ensure and enhance the functionality and safety of the levee. The inability to inspect and maintain the collector lines due to the absence of access manholes also jeopardizes future levee certification, not just for the FDD, but also the adjoining Kaw Valley Drainage District (KVDD).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Representative Sharice Davids
Member of Congress