April 28, 2021

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 UPPER TURKEY CREEK, KS flood control project in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Merriam, located at 9001 W. 62nd St., Merriam, KS, 66202.

The funding would be used for preconstruction, engineering, and design of the Upper Turkey Creed Flood Risk Management Project, a part of the USACE’s UPPER TURKEY CREEK, KS project. Project elements include: negotiate and execute the design agreement as listed in the USACE UTC Flood Risk Management Feasibility Study. Initiate design and analyses including geotechnical analysis and soil testing in the planning phase. Includes recommendations for a levee and flood wall system to protect lives and property in Merriam, KS. The primary plan features are 3,380 feet of levee, up to approximately 6 feet in height, and 6,820 feet of floodwall up to approximately 6.5 feet in height. The removal of a significant portion of Downtown Merriam from the FEMA floodplain would allow for significant redevelopment of the properties in Downtown Merriam, which could significantly expand the number and types of permanent employment in this area.

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

Sincerely,

Representative Sharice Davids  
Member of Congress