

**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**Rep. Sharice L. Davids**  
**Kansas Third District**

May 3, 2024

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Garnett Lake Garnett Spillway in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Garnett located at 131 W. 5th Ave., Garnett, Kansas, 66032. The funding would be used for rehabilitation of low-water culverts to prevent continued degradation of the spillway. Further degradation of the spillway could lead to degradation of the ground underneath already-broken concrete as well as degradation of the spillway and cause eventual failure, flooding the surrounding area around and below. The exposed rebar also represents an inherent physical safety risk and demands immediate replacement. The project includes removal of debris and degraded material, and replacement of structural components and concrete. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Garnett is classified as a Low and Moderate Income community and this project provides for flood control that protects real property. Road or dam failure would impact the community's ability to recover. The associated lake is also a center for economic activity, so failure of the dam would close down the lake and limit economic activity and thousands of visitors each year. This, in turn, affects the ability of the community to levee sales tax associated with this economic activity.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 614 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5196c), as amended by section 202 of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (9/11 Act).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Davids', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sharice L. Davids  
Member of Congress