

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-2503

May 23, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the MVS Portion of the Upper Mississippi River Project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the United States Army Corps of Engineers, located at 1222 Spruce Street St. Louis, Missouri 63103.

The funding would be used for the deferred maintenance for navigation on the Upper Mississippi River. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it supports critical navigation infrastructure that facilitates commerce, strengthens supply chain reliability, and drives economic growth throughout the Midwest.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1927 and 1930.

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

Sincerely,



Bob Onder (MO-03)  
Member of Congress