

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am respectfully requesting funding for the White River Basin Study in the fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Little Rock District located at 700 West Capitol Ave Office 7530, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72201.

The White River Basin encompasses large portions of Missouri and Arkansas. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) owns and operates six dams in the basin. The dams are operated as a system to reduce frequency and severity of floods, provide water supply, generate hydroelectric power and provide minimum environmental flows downstream of Bull Shoals and Norfolk lakes.

The study will provide a comprehensive water resource management strategy for the White River Basin which seeks sustainable water resource management while taking into consideration flood risk management, environmental protection, water supply, hydropower generation, agricultural practices, and social well-being.

This project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 729 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-662).

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

Sincerely,



Steve Womack