

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1805

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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger, Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Construction of Alexandria, Louisiana Front Dike on John Bennett Johnston Waterway in Fiscal Year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District, and is located at 4155 Clay Street, Vicksburg, MS 39183.

The funding would be used to construct and reinforce dikes near Alexandria, Louisiana on the John Bennett Johnston Waterway. The stretch of the Red River at Alexandria/Pineville where the dikes are located is known to have high velocities. The dikes on the Alexandria side push the water over to Pineville and the water flanks longitudinal toe dikes (a pile of rock parallel to the flow) of the Opposite Alexandria Front Revetment on the Pineville side. This led to the bank degradation. The bank has been repaired recently by the locals but continues to degrade due to the wave wash behind the longitudinal dikes. This project would help prevent the bank degradation.

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

I request you give this project every consideration, consistent with all rules and regulations. Thank you for your attention to this request. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



JULIA LETLOW
Member of Congress

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