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

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

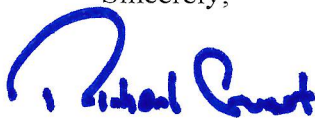
I am requesting funding for the Pat Harrison Waterway District Archusa Dam Repair and Rehabilitation project in Fiscal Year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is Pat Harrison Waterway District located at 17 JM Tatum Industrial Drive, Suite 120, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, 39401. The funding would repair and rehabilitate the Archusa Creek Dam, which failed on July 16, 2023. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the loss of tourism and recreational spending from the park's closure has had severe negative economic impacts on the Town of Quitman, and future failures could threaten public safety. The dam was originally built with funding from the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Outdoor Recreation with Land and Water Conservation Act funding for recreation and economic development in 1971.

This project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

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

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Michael Guest
Member of Congress

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