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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Committee on Appropriations  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$600,000 for Kaskaskia River Basin Restoration in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Kaskaskia Regional Port District, located at 336 N. Main St, Red Bud, IL 62278.

The funding would be used for a SMART planning compliant feasibility study to focus on the critical needs of the mainstem river and its tributaries to stabilize the head cutting and reduce direct sedimentation into the navigation channel. It will also stabilize the banks to reduce erosion and sedimentation and improve navigation.

This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because the plan will identify critical projects for implementation that may include grade control structures, improved riparian zones, maintaining the largest bottomland forest in the state, improving recreation, and improving water quality. The overall goal is to reduce sediment delivery into the navigation channel. The projects will reduce future maintenance costs of the river.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 5073 of WRDA 2007.

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

Sincerely,



Mike Bost  
Member of Congress