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The Honorable Rose L. DeLauro
Chairwoman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$90,000 for Kellogg Dock Study to Respond to Climate Change in fiscal year 2023.

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

The funding would be used by Kaskaskia Regional Port District to conduct an underwater study and structural analysis needed to determine the infrastructure improvements that can be implemented that will allow the terminal to operate at higher water events. A specialized engineering firm with divers and technical capability is needed to perform a thorough assessment of the existing 13 cells in the river. Ultrasound readings will be taken at each cell at four corners and at three elevations - surface water, midway below the surface, and at the base. Historical flood elevations need to be studied to determine the appropriate height of the cells for resiliency. Historical flood elevations need to be studied to determine the appropriate height of the cells for resiliency. A final report that will include engineering specifications to a 30% design needs to be completed as the final deliverable including a cost estimate.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits. Upgrading Kellogg Dock to be able to function at higher flood events will reestablish a transload facility on the Mississippi River with connection to Union Pacific Railroad. Both a north facing and south facing wye, along with a 350-rail yard exist on the dry side of the levee. This existing public infrastructure is sitting idle and if in use will remove trucks off the roads along with more efficient use of the transportation system. This analysis will provide the necessary information to upgrade the facility for the future to work with commodities other than coal.

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

Sincerely,



Mike Bost
Member of Congress