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The Honorable Tom Carper
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
Works
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20150

The Honorable Shelly Moore Capito
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and Public
Works
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Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito:

Thank you for your ongoing leadership of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. As you continue work on the Water Resources Development Act of 2022, I respectfully request that the legislation direct the Army Corps of Engineers to begin work on the Agua Fria River Trilby Wash flood control project.

First constructed in 1955 by the Army Corps, McMicken Dam is a 9.5 mile-long earthen embankment that impounds storm water from a 150 square mile watershed. It provides critical protection for significant portions of the greater Phoenix metropolitan area, including 130,000 residents, as well as Luke Air Force Base, the Phoenix Goodyear Airport, Interstate 10, other critical infrastructure. In recent years, the dam has experienced land subsidence and earth fissuring, jeopardizing the structural soundness of the dam.

The Flood Control District of Maricopa County and the Los Angeles District of the Army Corps of Engineers have agreed to work together to conduct a feasibility study to repair the dam, called the Agua Fria River Trilby Wash flood control project. Given the public safety benefits of this project, I ask that the WRDA 2022 bill direct the Corps to expedite the completion of the feasibility study for the Agua Fria River Trilby Wash flood control project.

Thank you again for your ongoing leadership and your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,



Mark Kelly
United States Senator