

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0309

April 28, 2022

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
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20150

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 directs the Army Corps of Engineers to complete the Rio de Flag flood control project in Flagstaff, AZ.

Flagstaff is the largest city in Northern Arizona and a gateway town to the Grand Canyon, which attracts more than 5 million visitors each year. The Rio de Flag is a small river which originates in the San Francisco Peaks and flows through the City of Flagstaff. For the last 30 years, Coconino County and the City of Flagstaff's top priority has been to mitigate potential flood damage caused by heavy rain or snowmelt which flows into the Rio de Flag. A significant flood event would have devastating impacts for nearly half of Flagstaff's population and 1,500 structures.

The Army Corps has completed the feasibility study for the project, and begun construction. Given the public safety risks that would be alleviated by the completion of this critical project, I ask that the WRDA 2022 bill direct the Corps to expedite the completion of this critical project.

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

Sincerely,



Mark Kelly
United States Senator