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The Honorable Tom Carper
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public 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 include a reauthorization of the Army Corps of Engineers Tribal Partnership Program.

The Tribal Partnership Program allows Army Corps of Engineers to carry out water-related planning activities and activities related to the study, design and construction of water resources development projects located primarily on tribal lands that substantially benefit federally-recognized tribes. The program provides the Corps the flexibility to work with tribes to find a cost-share with is affordable for the community. Throughout Arizona, the Corps has used the tribal partnership program to make much-needed investments in water infrastructure for underserved tribal communities and in communities affected by the prolonged drought conditions affecting the western United States. Currently, the Corps has the authority to continuing to carry out projects under this program through December 31, 2024.

Recognizing the critical role that the Tribal Partnership Program plays in helping Arizona tribal communities, I ask that the WRDA 2022 bill be reauthorized for an additional 10 years, allowing the Corps to continue carrying out programs through 2034.

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

Sincerely,



Mark Kelly
United States Senator