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Congress of the United States
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Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Buchanan Dam Raise/Eastman Lake Enlargement Feasibility Study project in fiscal year 2025. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The funding would be used for the raising of the Buchanan Dam to enlarge the size of Eastman Lake by 50,000 acre feet. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because raising Buchanan Dam allows the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer to reoperate this facility to reduce flood risk and increase underwater storage.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding is provided for purposes authorized by Sec. 203 of Rivers and Harbors Act of 1962 (Public Law 87-874) and Sec. 216 of the Flood Control Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-611).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



John S. Duarte
Member of Congress