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The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-310, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rose DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-130, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting \$237 million for the completion of construction for the Chickamauga Lock replacement project. The entity to receive funds is the U.S Army Corps of Engineers. A new lock is required at Chickamauga Dam because of structural deficiencies of the existing lock resulting from physical expansion of the concrete structure. This phenomenon of concrete growth was observed soon after initial construction in 1940 and is caused by a reaction between the alkali in the cement and the aggregate. Even with significant maintenance efforts, this expansion threatens the structural integrity of the existing lock and limits its serviceable life. The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 4009(c) of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (Public Law Public Law 114-322). I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Chuck Fleischmann  
Member of Congress