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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1312

January 21, 2011

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama:

I am writing to follow up my correspondence of September 7, 2010, requesting that you include levees and water infrastructure projects in your \$50 billion infrastructure proposal. As you make decisions on your Fiscal Year 2012 budget (FY12), I want to again emphasize the importance of funding for water infrastructure.

As you know, Illinois and other states across the country are facing serious maintenance and repair issues with our nation's levees. By some estimates, this is a \$100 billion dollar problem, and local governments and levee districts, while largely responsible for these improvements, are hard pressed to make these investments alone.

We are working on a bipartisan basis in Congress and in our districts to meet the challenges posed by levee repair needs, and a robust federal commitment to help fund these important projects is essential to protect our communities. I again urge you to include such a commitment in your FY 2012 budget proposal.

Sincerely,



Jerry F. Costello
Member of Congress

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