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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 direct the Army Corps of Engineers to expedite completion of the Cave Buttes Dam flood control project.

The Cave Buttes Dam in Maricopa County provides flood protection for more than a million residents within unincorporated parts of the county as well as the cities of Phoenix, Glendale, Peoria, Tolleson, and Avondale in an area with \$15 billion in residential and commercial property. Floodwater seepage in the dam has sounded the alarm for us to reduce the dam's risk of failure.

The Flood Control District of Maricopa County and the Los Angeles District of the Army Corps of Engineers have agreed to begin work on repairs to the Cave Buttes Dam, once funding is available. Given the public safety benefits of this project, I ask that the WRDA 2022 bill direct the Corps to expedite the completion of the feasibility study for the Cave Buttes Dam flood control project.

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

Sincerely,



Mark Kelly
United States Senator