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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
United States Senate
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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 Lower Santa Cruz flood control project.

The Lower Santa Cruz River begins in southern Arizona and flows northward from the U.S. border with Mexico into southern Arizona. As it travels through Pinal County, the river flows through a mixed system of poorly defined streams, which can flood during heavy rainfall events. Despite a history of flooding in the area, no flood control projects have been constructed in the Lower Santa Cruz River Watershed. The fiscal year 2022 omnibus appropriation bill included funding to complete the feasibility study for the project.

Given the public safety risks that would be alleviated by the completion of this critical project, I ask that the WRDA 2022 bill direct the Corps to expedite the completion of this critical project.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark Kelly
United States Senator