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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 McCormick Wash flood control project.

The McCormick Wash was constructed by mining interests in 1924 to divert water and protect the City of Globe from flooding. Over the last century, this earthen tunnel has fallen into disrepair to the point where the “nose” of the tunnel has collapsed due to erosion. It is only a matter of time until other parts of the tunnel and diversion channel collapse. If this were to occur, it is not a question of if, but when the City will be inundated with catastrophic flooding as the entire City will be threatened and exposed. Funding for the feasibility study for the McCormick Wash flood control project was included in the fiscal year 2022 omnibus appropriation bill.

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 the feasibility study for the McCormick Wash flood control project.

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

Sincerely,



Mark Kelly  
United States Senator