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The Honorable Tom Carper
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
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 Rose and Palm Garden Washes flood control project.

Douglas experiences significant flooding in the Rose and Palm Garden washes and oftentimes much of the City can be under a foot of water or more. A recent flood event in 1998 bears this out as much of downtown and several neighborhoods were under water and a multitude of homes and businesses experienced significant damages. It is important to note that Douglas is an economically-disadvantaged community where more than 30 percent of the residents live below the poverty line. As such, it is designated both as a Colonias community and as an opportunity zone. The fiscal year 2022 omnibus appropriation bill provided the Corps funding to complete the feasibility study for the Rose and Palm Garden Washes 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 complete work on the feasibility study for the Rose and Palm Garden Washes flood control project.

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

Sincerely,



Mark Kelly
United States Senator