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Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House
of Representatives
U.S. Capitol Building, Room H-232
Washington, D.C. 20515-0001

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In final response to a House Resolution adopted April 5, 2006 by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and a Senate Resolution adopted May 23, 2006 by the Committee on Environment and Public Works, the Secretary of the Army recommends authorization of the Cedar River, Cedar Rapids, Iowa flood risk reduction project. The proposal is described in the Report of the Chief of Engineers dated January 27, 2011, which includes other pertinent reports and comments. The views of the State of Iowa, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration, and the Environmental Protection Agency are set forth in the enclosed communications. The Secretary of the Army plans to implement the project at the appropriate time, considering National priorities and the availability of funds.

The recommended plan would provide flood risk reduction along the east bank of the Cedar River in the City of Cedar Rapids. The recommended plan consists of 2.2 miles of floodwall and 0.8 miles of earthen levee with a height of approximately 14 feet, 15 closure structures, and six pumping stations constructed on the east bank of the Cedar River. The project does not require any separable mitigation as the project has been designed to offset any adverse impacts which may occur.

Based on October 2010 price levels, the estimated total first cost of the recommended plan is $99,000,000. In accordance with the cost sharing provisions of Section 103 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (WRDA 1986), as amended by Section 202 of WRDA 1996, the Federal share of the total project cost is estimated at $64,350,000 (65 percent) and the non-Federal share is estimated at $34,650,000 (35 percent). The cost of lands, easements, rights-of-way, relocations, and excavated material disposal areas is estimated at $11,700,000. The City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa (City) is the non-Federal cost sharing sponsor for the recommended plan. The City would be responsible for the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and rehabilitation (OMRR&R) of the project after construction, a cost currently estimated at $18,000 per year. In addition to the above, the City would be fully responsible for performing the investigation, cleanup and response to the presence of hazardous materials on the project site. The cost of hazardous material work is estimated at approximately $4,000,000 and is a non-Federal responsibility. Based on a 4.125-percent discount rate and a 50-year period of analysis, the total equivalent average

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annual costs of the project, including OMRR&R, are estimated to be $5,125,000. The equivalent average annual benefits are estimated to be $6,144,000 with net average annual benefits of $1,019,000. The benefit-cost ratio is approximately 1.2 to 1.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) advises that there is no objection to the submission of the report to Congress and concludes that the report recommendation is consistent with the policy and programs of the President. A copy of its letter is enclosed. I am providing a copy of this transmittal and the OMB letter dated June 27, 2011 to the House Committee on Appropriations' Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. I am providing an identical letter to the President of the Senate.

Very truly yours,

Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army
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Enclosures

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Envelopes

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