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RE: Swope Park Industrial Area and Blue River Basin Projects, Kansas City, Missouri
Request for Modifications

On behalf of the 50 employees of Clay & Bailey Manufacturing Company, I am requesting that you support the City of Kansas City, Missouri's request for modification for the Swope Park Industrial Area total project cost to \$32,029,000 fully funded and for the Blue River Basin total project cost to \$47,000,000 fully funded in order to continue the projects serving the Kansas City District.

Our company, like many others in the valley, were "high & dry" in the record floods of 1961 and 1977. However, because of the residential and commercial development of the upper Blue River basin in the State of Kansas, along with their paved parking lots and new storm sewer systems, we had 5 feet of water in our plant in 1990. The \$1.5 million dollars in damages almost closed us down.

The Blue River flows through the industrial heart of Kansas City with most of the lower stretch in the Enterprise Zone. Increased flooding over the years has forced many industries to abandon the valley. Delaying the Blue River projects will cause more companies to move out of the valley either because they see the risk as unacceptable or a flood that should have been prevented washes them away. Likewise redevelopment of abandoned properties continues to be delayed.

Meanwhile, remediation and redevelopment in the areas where the projects are complete has been tremendous. Hundreds of millions of dollars of private money has already been expended to recover the abandoned industrial properties providing jobs and tax dollars.

These are economically sound projects with positive benefit to cost ratios. Again we urge you to support the modification requests necessary to complete the projects.

Sincerely,



John R. Patrick, President