



Industrial Park  
5th District  
4500 East 75th Terrace  
Kansas City, MO 64132

December 2, 2014

Re: Swope Park Industrial Area Flood Damage Reduction

Dear Kansas and Missouri Congressional Leaders:

I am writing today on behalf of the businesses located in the Swope Park Industrial Area located in Kansas City, Missouri. Our park provides hundreds of skilled manufacturing and service-oriented jobs, and is a vital to the local community.

Swope Park Industrial Area is subject to flooding, and a flood protection plan for the park will protect and ensure continued economic viability. In 1990, a devastating flood caused several businesses to close for clean up, and this historical event has made our park a risk for future companies. The current businesses are of modern technology, with sophisticated machinery and computer aided systems. We must protect these assets to secure our part of modern infrastructure in today's marketplace.

In addition the risk of flood, heavy rains alone become a hazard during all seasons. In the winter, the standing water becomes ice, causing both accidents and difficulty navigating the streets for incoming and outgoing material shipments. In the spring and summer, standing water brings insects and the threat of disease, as well the risk and safety for our employees.

We strongly support the efforts to provide Flood Damage Reduction to SPIA and the modification to the authorized total project cost of \$32,029,000.00. Great things have been accomplished and we look forward to our future achievements.

Keeping Swope Park Industrial Area a safe place to work and enticing to future businesses, as well as retaining and creating new jobs, is our Number 1 priority.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lindsay Bourdon".

Lindsay Bourdon  
President  
Swope Park Industrial Area