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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

I am writing to thank you for your past funding of flood control projects here in the Kansas City area, namely the Blue River Flood Mitigation Project, that is now being completed after many years and millions of dollars. The completion of this project is a great relief to our business and others after being flooded many times over the past few decades. This relief from the threat of flooding will allow us the confidence to invest in our current business footprint, which is in an industrial area of east Kansas City that is largely urban and impoverished. Our business employs 175-275 people here on a seasonal basis.

There are other worthy projects further upstream that I urge you to complete. The Swope Park Industrial and Blue River Basin (Dodson Industrial) areas both have projects that will benefit both their immediate area as well as downstream areas like mine. Completion of both of these projects will help maintain many jobs, increase public safety, as well as boost economic growth in Kansas City. In order to complete these projects, the projects require modifications. I request your support in the modification to the Swope Park Industrial Area total project to $32,029,000 fully funded and the Blue River Basin (Dodson) total project cost to $47,000,000 fully funded.

Thank you again for your past commitment to flood control, public safety and economic growth through construction of these vital projects.

Sincerely,

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