

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

September 29, 2016

The Honorable James Inhofe  
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Senate Committee on Environment &  
Public Works  
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Washington DC 20510

The Honorable Bill Shuster  
Chairman  
House Committee on Transportation &  
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The Honorable Barbara Boxer  
Ranking Member  
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The Honorable Peter DeFazio  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Transportation &  
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Dear Chairmen and Ranking Members:

We respectfully request the following provisions be retained in the final version of the Water Resources Development Act of 2016.

Cedar River, Cedar Rapids. The Corps of Engineers shall expedite the completion of the authorized project for flood damage reduction and flood risk management.

Corps Levees that Affect Community Owned Levees. Where federally owned and operated levees increase flood risk and compromise the accreditation of community-owned local flood protection systems, it shall be the policy of the Corps of Engineers to act expeditiously with actions required to authorize, fund, identify, and implement improvements to reduce and negate negative impacts to community-owned flood protection system accreditation.

Dubuque. Study to determine the feasibility of modifying the flood protection system to increase the level of flood protection and reduce flood damages.

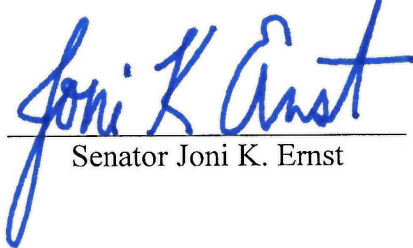
Government Accountability Office study on the Corps of Engineers' methodology and performance metrics used to calculate benefit-cost ratios and evaluate construction projects.

Upper Mississippi and Illinois Rivers Comprehensive Flood Risk Management. Study of the levees along the upper Mississippi and Illinois Rivers on a system-wide basis, to evaluate the flood damage risks on a system-wide rather than local basis, and justify projects on that basis.

Thank you for your time and attention to these important provisions for Iowa.

Sincerely,


  
Senator Chuck Grassley

  
Senator Joni K. Ernst

  
Representative Steve King

  
Representative David Loebsack

  
Representative Rod Blum

  
Representative David Young