

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 12, 2011

The Honorable John Mica
Chairman, House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Mica:

We are writing you to request a formal hearing to receive answers to questions regarding the management of the Missouri River Mainstem Reservoir System. As you are aware, this summer saw record flooding throughout the Missouri River basin. In total, Presidential Disaster Declarations were issued in all seven Missouri River states and more than twenty counties in the basin were deemed eligible for Individual Assistance through FEMA.

As members from Missouri River states, we have joined together to make sure flood control is the top priority for the Missouri River. Farm land, homes, and businesses were destroyed and, as of today, the full damage assessment is ongoing. The physical damages and financial losses of this year's flood will take years to repair and recoup.

Through the course of this event, questions have been raised about the management of the Reservoir System by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Specifically, constituents have been asking about information Corps had and used in its decision-making process, the timing of their decisions, and what actions are prudent for the Corps to take next year to prevent a repeat disaster. As Chairman of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers falls under your jurisdiction. We would like the Corps to address our concerns, on the record. Our constituents deserve answers.

We thank you for considering our request and look forward to your reply.

Respectfully,



Kristi Noem
Member of Congress

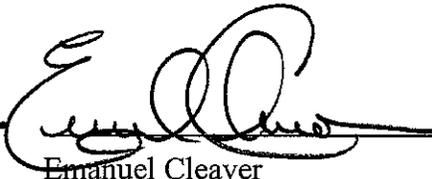
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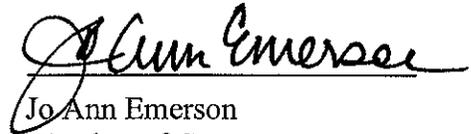
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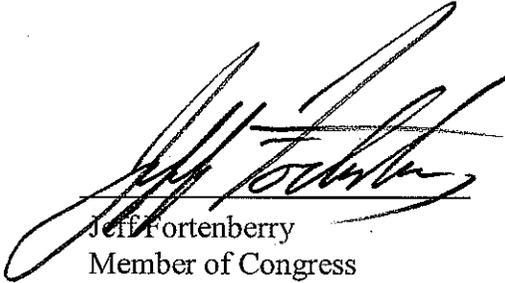
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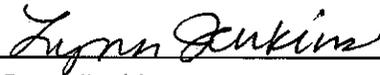
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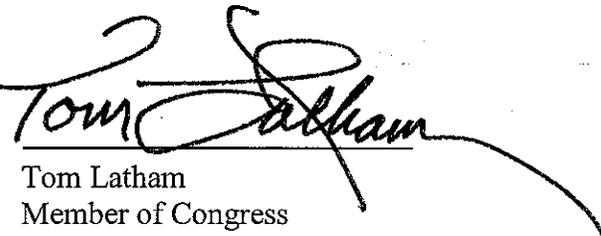
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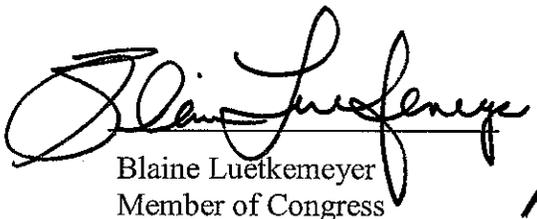
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