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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-4302**

May 1, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-305, the Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
1036 Longworth HOB  
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Bear Branch Dam Modification Project – Spillway Reconstruction and Dam Safety Assessment in Fiscal Year 2026.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District, located at 200 Fort Point Road, Galveston, Texas, 77550.

This funding would be used to reconstruct the emergency service spillway using thicker concrete to address hydraulic uplift pressures, improve dam safety by correcting conveyance deficiencies, and conduct a risk assessment for long term integrity and public safety.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it directly addresses a documented public safety risk associated with critical flood control infrastructure in a high-growth region. This funding would help prevent future failures and preserve the reliability of a key component of the area's stormwater management system.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 219 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 (P.L. 102-580).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project and neither does anyone in my family.

Sincerely,



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Dan Crenshaw  
Member of Congress