

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 1, 2011

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works
U.S. Department of the Army
108 Army Pentagon, Room 3E446
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy:

We are writing to request a meeting to discuss flood protection system repairs planned by the Southwestern Illinois Flood Prevention District Council. Specifically, we would like to discuss planned improvements to levees in Metro East, Illinois.

On June 28th, our offices were contacted by representatives of the Council who are concerned about securing approval from the Army Corps of Engineers so they can begin their planned repairs.


While we want to ensure appropriate steps are taken in preparation for the flood protection system repairs, including proper permitting required by the Army Corps, ultimately we want to see the people and property of Metro East protected. We would appreciate the opportunity to sit down with you to discuss the plans for Metro East.

Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to meeting with you soon.

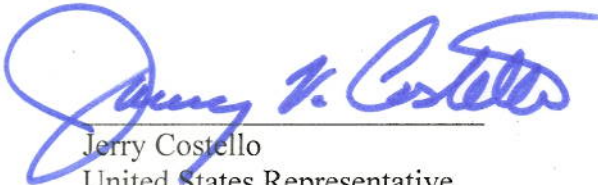
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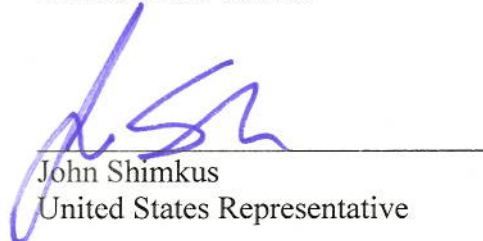
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