

United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Shalanda Young  
Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget  
Executive Office of the President of the United States  
Eisenhower Executive Office Building  
1650 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Acting Director Young:

We request that you include funding for construction of the flood risk management project for Fargo, North Dakota and Moorhead, Minnesota in your Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Budget Request. This project uses a public-private partnership (P3) to provide an innovative, alternative approach to financing that represents a cost-effective solution to addressing America's critical water infrastructure needs.

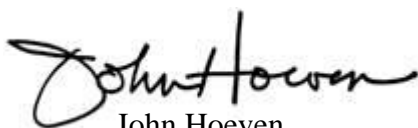
The Red River of the North, which flows through Fargo and Moorhead, has exceeded flood stage in 55 of the past 118 years (1902 through 2019), with seven of the top 10 floods occurring in the last 30 years. A major flood would inundate nearly all of Fargo, much of Moorhead and several other smaller communities. Without permanent, comprehensive flood protection, the region has to erect several miles of costly and temporary protective measures.

Congress authorized the Fargo-Moorhead project in Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014. The total cost of the project is currently estimated at \$2.2 billion, and under the amended Project Partnership Agreement, the federal share of project costs is capped at \$750 million. To date, the federal government has provided \$313 million in construction funding.

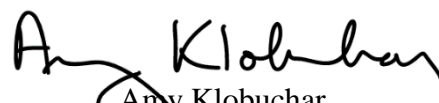
FY22 is an important year for the project. The key feature of the federal section of the project is a control structure that would divert the flow of water from the main river channel to a diversion channel. Funding in FY22 will allow the Corps of Engineers to finalize a contract to complete construction of this structure. The full capacity for the Fargo-Moorhead project is \$180 million for FY22, which ensures construction of the control structure and keeps the project on schedule. With this funding, well over half of the federal commitment to the project would be complete.

Including this project in the detailed budget request for FY22 would send a strong signal of support for this multi-state project and moves us closer to permanent flood protection for more than 200,000 people, 70 square miles of infrastructure and flood risk reduction from other area river systems. We urge you to include Fargo-Moorhead in the budget request and look forward to working with you to complete the federal commitment to this project in FY22 and beyond.

Sincerely,



John Hoeven  
U.S. Senator



Amy Klobuchar  
U.S. Senator