



UNITED STATES SENATE

June 6, 2013

The Honorable Barbara Mikulski, Chairwoman
The Honorable Richard Shelby, Vice Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
S-131, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, Chairman
The Honorable Lamar Alexander, Ranking Member
Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
186 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairmen and Ranking Member:

As your committee begins consideration of the *Fiscal Year 2014 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act*, I ask that you support the inclusion of the following programmatic funding and report language requests.

Member: Lindsey O. Graham
Proposed Draft Bill: Energy and Water Appropriations Bill
Request Type: Language; Bill
Agency/account: **Army Corps of Engineers**
Language proposal: The Committee urges the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to revise the criteria used for determining which navigation projects are funded, in order to develop a reasonable and equitable allocation. The criteria should include the economic impact that these projects provide to local and regional economies, in particular those with national defense or public health and safety importance. Further, the Committee directs the Corps to allocate not less than \$40,000,000 of the additional funds provided to small, remote, or subsistence harbors and waterways.

Not later than 60 days after enactment of this Act, the Corps shall provide to the Committee a work plan (1) detailing the ratings system developed and used to evaluate projects; (2) delineating how these funds are to be distributed; (3) including a summary of the work to be accomplished with each allocation; and (4) including a list and description of each discrepancy between the results of the project evaluations and the allocations made. No funds shall be obligated for any project under this program which has not been justified in such a report.

Purpose/Rational for proposal: The Committee is concerned that the Administration's criteria for navigation maintenance do not allow small, remote, or subsistence harbors and waterways to properly compete for scarce navigation maintenance funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L. O. Graham', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lindsey O. Graham
United States Senator

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