



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-4208**

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding Invasive Carp Barrier Construction at Pickwick Landing in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The funding would be used to build one invasive carp demonstration/deterrent barrier project at Pickwick Landing in Hardin County, Tennessee. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will continue the federal effort to deploy resources to solve the ecosystem destruction caused by invasive carp. Ultimately, this will result in more economic activity and continued public use of our waterways. A barrier at Pickwick Dam will limit the number of invasive carp in the reservoir and prevent expansion of these invasive fish throughout both the Tennessee River and the neighboring Mobile River Basin. Without intervention, invasive carp can negatively impact native sportfish populations, threaten a rich aquatic biodiversity that includes numerous threatened and endangered species, and pose significant risks to the opportunities and health of resource users.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 509(a) of the Water Resources and Development Act of 2020 (Public Law 116-260).

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

Thank you for considering my request. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or my staff at (202) 225-4714.

Sincerely,

David Kustoff  
Member of Congress