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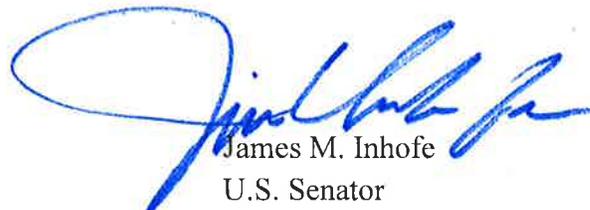
Dear Commander Kula & Administrator Turner:

I am writing to you both to request a briefing with my staff in Oklahoma regarding elevation levels at Lake Texoma, no later than March 31, 2014.

As you are aware, Lake Texoma is experiencing low water levels due to extended drought conditions. This, combined with low water flow, evaporation, municipal water supply, and hydropower have brought the lake to such levels that the local economy is beginning to suffer. The communities, businesses, and citizens that surround Lake Texoma depend on the tourism the lake draws for their livelihoods and they are justifiably concerned about further drops in surface elevation. While levels are not so low as to prevent most recreational activities yet, news of the low levels and the strong likelihood levels will continue to drop are already having a negative impact.

In order to address this matter, I would like to request a joint briefing with my staff, the Corps of Engineers, and the Southwestern Power Administration (SWPA). The briefing should cover the realities of the current lake elevation, the various demands on the water supply, and any mitigation and conservation steps the Corps and SWPA are taking to ensure all obligations can be met. Please contact Jennie Wright in my office (202-224-4721) with any questions or concerns and scheduling coordination.

Sincerely,



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