

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Mick Mulvaney
Director
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Director Mulvaney:

We are requesting that the Tulsa and West Tulsa Levee System feasibility study be prioritized in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers FY18 Work Plan and included as a new start in the FY 2019 budget request. As one of the most high risk levee systems in the country with thousands of families and billions of dollars of investment protected by its foundation, it is imperative that the feasibility study authorized in the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act (P.L. 114-322) be given priority.

To date, the citizens of Tulsa have approved \$15 million in funding for the project and are committed to working with the federal government to address this critical need. The City of Tulsa and Tulsa County have worked closely with other local and state government, industry, and citizens, to inform the community on flood risk awareness, develop a thorough emergency response and evacuation plans, and reduce risk where possible. The community is serious about managing and taking care of the levees in order to protect the citizens of Tulsa.

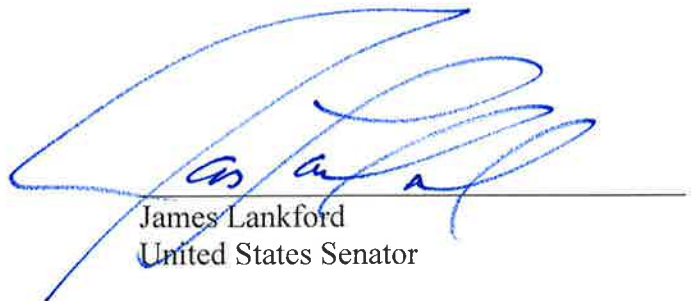
More than 10,000 people and around \$2 billion of infrastructure, including two refineries, depend on the protection provided by the levee system. A failure in this system could have disastrous impacts on the citizens of Sand Springs and Tulsa, on the environment, and on the energy sector.

Because of these safety and economic issues, Congress authorized the Corps to develop a plan for modifying the levee system to address deficiencies identified in the recent levee risk assessment. With the local community's support and Congress providing for authorization and mandating six new starts in the FY 2018 Senate Energy and Water Development Appropriations report, we respectfully request that the Corps include this project as one of the allotted feasibility new starts to address this critical need.

Sincerely,



James M. Inhofe
United States Senator



James Lankford
United States Senator

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