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Subject: Kansas Citys Levees, Missouri and Kansas Project
Request for Modifications

Dear U. S. Army Corps of Engineers:

I am writing this letter to support the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to keep the momentum going with design and construction of the above referenced project. This project is vital to the well being of Kansas City, KS and Wyandotte County. The Corps of Engineers' Phase I Feasibility Study (completed in December, 2006) made recommendations for improvements to the two (2) major drainage districts within Wyandotte County and the two major drainage districts on the Missouri side of the state line. As you are aware, the Kaw Valley Drainage District and the Fairfax Drainage District provide vital flood protection to our major industries, infrastructure, utilities as well as many residents along the Missouri and Kansas Rivers and that certain areas within these jurisdictions have been identified as needing improvement to reduce the flood risk brought to light during the Study. As you are also aware, the Phase II Feasibility Study for the Kaw Valley Drainage District is nearing completion with a Chief's Report pending.

Recognizing the recommendations of the Corps' Study and the enormous investment (\$20 billion) protected by all four (4) metropolitan drainage districts, I also recognize the devastating impacts a flood would have on our community & regional economy (90,000+ jobs/lives). I fully support your efforts to continue the momentum of the project and request support for the modification request to authorize total project cost to \$516,000,000 fully funded and inclusion of the Armourdale and Central Industrial District, Kansas and Missouri Levee Units per pending Chief's Report.

The Unified Government wishes to express its appreciation of your past efforts in supporting this project, which is so vital to our community, and asks for your continued support to authorize the requested modifications.

Sincerely,

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Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas

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