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The Hon. Barbara Boxer  
Chairman  
EPW Committee  
410 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.  
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The Hon. James M. Inhofe  
Ranking Member  
EPW Committee  
456 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.  
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Dear Chairman Boxer and Ranking Member Inhofe:

I write to share Illinois priorities for your consideration as you develop the Water Resources Development Act. I look forward to working with you on these important projects.

- Asian Carp and Invasive Species Prevention – support efforts to slow or stop the spread of invasive species between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River watersheds as outlined by the Congressional Great Lakes Task Force.
- Gateway Harbor, Chicago – allow the City of Chicago to rehabilitate and develop the waterfront area between Navy Pier and the Chicago River. This initiative will provide public access, public marina facilities and extended storm protection for moored vessels.
- Metro East Levee System – provide for the expediting of levee construction protecting Madison, St. Clair and Monroe Counties in Illinois. Levee Districts in Metro East Illinois are currently undertaking efforts to rebuild the levee systems protecting the area from the Mississippi River and tributaries.
- Mississippi River Flood Control, Illinois – study and promote the storm-proofing of pump stations along the Upper Mississippi River to ensure the operability of stations during storms and high water events.
- Quincy Hydropower – study and promote the City of Quincy’s use of hydropower generated from locks and dams along the upper Mississippi River.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending items that I have requested, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. I further certify that I will post these requested items on my official website, along with the accompanying justification.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests. If I can provide additional information, please contact me or my staff at 4-2152.

Sincerely,



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U.S. Senator