

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1806**

November 2, 2021

Major General Diana Holland  
Commanding General  
Mississippi Valley Division, USACE  
1400 Walnut Street  
Vicksburg, Mississippi 39180

Dear General Holland:

The landfall of Hurricane Ida on August 29, 2021 demonstrated the importance of the Morganza-to-the-Gulf hurricane protection project and confirmed the need for the nearly \$500 million in recent additional federal investments. As we discussed a few weeks ago at the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association meeting in Washington, D.C., it is critical that the project's implementation is expedited to better protect the citizens of Terrebonne and Lafourche parishes.

Earlier this year, we announced \$12.46 million in "new start" construction funding for Morganza after successfully negotiating new appropriations language to deem MR&T construction projects eligible for funding for the first time. This language, and explicit direction in the recent supplemental appropriation (Public Law 117-43) confirms our belief that the Morganza project is critical to the future of South Louisiana. We directed nearly half a billion dollars in additional investment for the Morganza project in this recent funding bill- the largest investment in the project's history. These funds are available now and will serve as an important complement to the hundreds of millions of dollars already invested through the Deepwater Horizon settlement, local taxes, Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA), and others.

We fought hard to secure this important investment in our resiliency, and it is critical that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers execute on these funds as soon as possible. While the 2022 hurricane season is several months away, it will take months to turn funding into on-the-ground protection – making the need for swift action on behalf of the Corps imperative. I strongly urge you to complete coordination with the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District, North Lafourche Levee District, South Lafourche Levee District, CPRA, parish officials, and other stakeholders to expedite this historic investment in hurricane protection and flood control in Terrebonne and Lafourche parishes. I also ask that you continue to keep me informed on the progress of the project's implementation.

Sincerely,



Garret Graves  
Member of Congress