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Dear Assistant Secretary James and Lieutenant General Semonite:

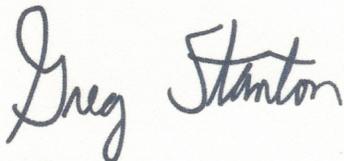
We write to express our strong support for a feasibility study to evaluate options for the McMicken Dam in Maricopa County, Arizona.

The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Flood Control District of Maricopa County Arizona (FCDMC) have a long history of partnership in providing flood protection in the county. First constructed in 1955 by the USACE, McMicken Dam, a 9.5 mile-long, earthen embankment, impounds storm water from a 150 square mile watershed. It provides critical flood protection for significant portions of the greater Phoenix metropolitan area, including 130,000 residents, Luke Air Force Base, the Phoenix Goodyear Airport, Interstate 10, critical infrastructure such as hospitals and schools, and many residential and commercial properties.

Unfortunately, due to dam safety deficiencies, land subsidence, earth fissuring, urbanization and non-compliance with current dam safety standards, the ability of the dam to maintain its current level of protection is questionable at best. The FCDMC has determined that rehab of the dam, outlet, and emergency spillway are necessary to keep the dam in service. While the FCDMC has undertaken some of the rehab work, it does not have the resources to undertake all of the work necessary to address the current risk the dam poses to public safety. A USACE feasibility study to evaluate alternatives to ensure long-term flood protection to downstream areas is critical.

We urge you to support the request from the FCDMC for a feasibility study as outlined in its letter of intent. Thank you for your consideration of this request, and we look forward to our continued cooperation on this critical dam safety project and other USACE projects throughout Arizona.

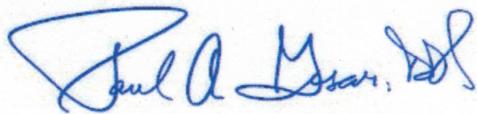
Sincerely,



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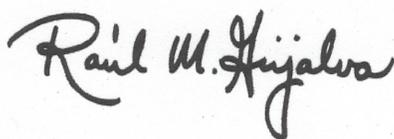
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