

Testimony of Rep. Carol Miller for the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Member Day Hearing on WRDA

Good morning, Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen, and thank you for allowing me to testify on behalf of my Water Resources Development Act request. I appreciate your time and attention.

I have requested a feasibility study at the R.D. Bailey Watershed in Mingo and Wyoming Counties in West Virginia. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers started an environmental impact and feasibility study within the watershed, at cost to a private company, in 2020. In 2022, without providing explanation, the Corps terminated the study prematurely after already spending part of the private funding. Not only is this a waste of money, it's a huge waste of time — and it didn't end in any information being released about the watershed.

Therefore, I'd like to request that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers be mandated to complete a feasibility study at the R.D. Bailey Watershed, so that we can better understand the area and how certain activities might impact the R.D. Bailey Dam.