



December 6, 2024

The Honorable Chairman Tom Carper
Chairman
Committee on Environment & Public Works
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment & Public Works
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support for the Thomas R. Carper Water Resources Development Act of 2024

Dear Chairmen Carper and Graves and Ranking Members Capito and Larsen:

On behalf of Beaver Water District (BWD), I am writing to thank you for your work on the Thomas R. Carper Water Resources Development Act and to express strong support for its passage. We are especially pleased with the inclusion of Section 1209 relating to Beaver Lake in Arkansas, as well as Sections 1143 and 1161, which give the Corps important direction and authority regarding its water supply mission.

Beaver Lake is critical to Northwest Arkansas, one of the fastest growing regions in the United States. We depend on this reservoir to provide water to our region's growing communities, the University of Arkansas, and thousands of businesses, including the headquarters of some of our Nation's most significant companies like Walmart, J.B. Hunt, and Tyson Foods.

We have experienced unprecedented growth in our water supply needs, as the vibrant economy of Northwest Arkansas continues to expand. It is vitally important to commence a reallocation study immediately to ensure water is available to support the growth we are already experiencing. Initiating this study without further delay, as required by Section 1209, is also consistent with the direction to the Corps in Section 1161 to cooperate with non-federal interests and to use its existing authorities to enhance water supplies. Further, Section 1143 allows this study to be included in the Section 729 watershed study of the White River Basin that is already underway. This will help to ensure both the timely completion of the BWD reallocation study and the most efficient use of the Corps' study resources.

We thank you for your work on this important legislation. We look forward to its enactment and its role in preserving and enhancing our Nation's water supplies.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Lane Crider". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

M. Lane Crider, P.E.
Chief Executive Officer
Beaver Water District

Cc: Senator John Boozman, Arkansas
Beaver Water District Board of Directors