

# United States Senate

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Senator John Barrasso  
Chairman  
Senate Environment and Public Works Committee  
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-6175

Dear Chairman Barrasso:

I write today to thank you for your efforts to include my provision in the Committee's draft Water Resources Development Act that would give the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) ample time to complete the review process and appropriate funding for the Truckee Meadows Flood Control Project (TMFCP) in my home state. I also write to urge your committee to swiftly consider and pass this legislation to bring relief to Northern Nevada.

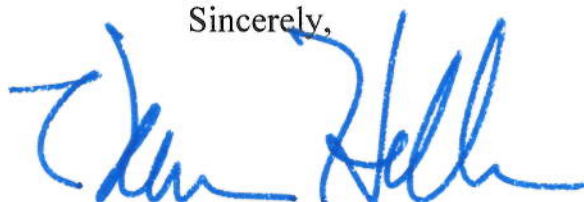
With my support, Congress passed the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-121), which included a provision that requires the Secretary to carry out a locally preferred plan if it provides a higher level of flood protection and the cost is not greater than the plan instituted by the USACE.

As my staff has relayed to yours, the Truckee Meadows Flood Control Project in Nevada has chosen to take advantage of this provision. Due to the new nature of the provision, however, the USACE does not have enough time to review and approve the project before the seven-year de-authorization window, risking over \$180 million in federal funds granted to TMFCP.

As the senior Senator from Nevada, I appreciate your efforts to include my provision to grant the Secretary enough time to review and approve this project without the fear of losing authorization. Again, I urge you to swiftly consider and pass this bill out of your committee and send it to the floor for consideration.

Thank you again for your efforts. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me or my staff.

Sincerely,



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U.S. Senator