

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Tom Carper
Chairman
Committee on Environment & Public Works
513 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Shelly Capito
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment & Public Works
172 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Carper and Ranking Member Capito,

As the Committee on Environment & Public Works moves to consider the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), we respectfully ask for your support and assistance in including the attached policy request important to Illinois.

We request that the existing Section 219 Environmental Infrastructure Authority for Cook County be expanded to cover Lake County, Illinois, and that its authorization limit be increased to \$100 million to account for additional capabilities. This authority provides technical planning, design and construction assistance to non-federal interests who have environmental infrastructure needs in Cook County, Illinois. These needs may be related, but not limited, to development and protection of water supply and wastewater systems, combined sewer overflows and remediation of adverse water quality impacts and storm water impacts to wastewater systems.

Senator Duckworth certifies that neither the Senator nor the Senator's family has a pecuniary interest in the project, consistent with the requirement of paragraph 9 of Rule VXLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Senator Durbin certifies that neither the Senator nor the Senator's family has a pecuniary interest in the project, consistent with the requirement of paragraph 9 of Rule VXLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

Tammy Duckworth

Tammy Duckworth
United States Senator

Dick Durbin

Richard J. Durbin
United States Senator