

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

January 16, 2015

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy  
Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)  
108 Army Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20310-0108

Dear Secretary Darcy:

We are writing to you regarding the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) reached between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the State of Wisconsin in September 2000 governing the transfer of the Fox River Locks from the federal government to the state. We have appreciated the opportunity to discuss this matter with you in recent months.

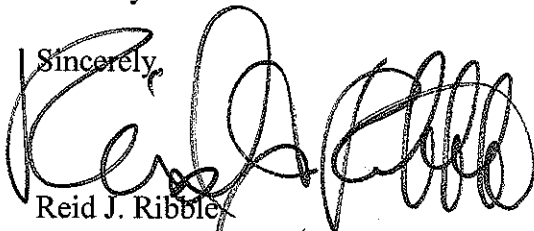
As you know, the MoA required the State of Wisconsin to certify the amount of non-federal funding it had available for the repair and rehabilitation of the Fox River Locks, and the Corps was then required to match that certified amount of non-federal funding by making a transfer payment to the State. The MOA provided that the State could certify the amount of non-federal funding it had available for up to ten years after the transfer. This period ended on September 15, 2014.

The State of Wisconsin certified the availability of \$2 million in non-federal funds in May 2014, but the Corps has yet to transfer the final \$2 million. The recently enacted Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Energy and Water Appropriations legislation included \$35 million in the Corps' Operation and Maintenance Account for "other authorized purposes." It is our understanding that the \$2 million owed to the State of Wisconsin is eligible for that funding.


Therefore, as the Corps finalizes its work plan for FY 2015, we urge you to include in the plan the \$2 million that is currently owed to the State of Wisconsin. While we appreciate the Corps' acknowledgement that the State is still owed \$2 million, we urge you to highly prioritize this payment so that it can be included in the FY 2015 work plan.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you wish to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,



Reid J. Ribble  
Member of Congress



Tammy Baldwin  
United States Senator