

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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COL Jason Evers,

Three years ago, major deficiencies were discovered in the dam along Buckeye Lake, and we learned that there would be serious consequences if it was not addressed immediately. The surrounding communities came together around a unified plan, and in unison with the Army Corps, worked to revitalize the dam and ensure the future of Buckeye Lake and the region for decades to come.

I was proud to work with the Army Corps of Engineers in the Huntington District to help secure a design/build contract for the Buckeye Lake Community, which cut the time needed for this project, and enabled the lake to return to normal as soon as possible. This has been a truly collaborative effort, and I want to thank you and the engineers at the Huntington District who have worked so hard to make Buckeye Lake safe again.

In keeping with the ongoing revitalization, I am joined by new Ohio Twelfth Congressional District Representative, Troy Balderson, in writing to ask your office to grant priority to the South Licking Conservancy's request for a watershed plan in the upcoming calendar year. Completing this plan is critical for the continued recovery and growth of the Buckeye Lake Region. This watershed plan will help the community address water quality concerns, increase public safety and awareness, and provide certainty for any economic impacts the community can expect.

In addition, this plan will help address the continued flooding on I-70 and surrounding areas during heavy rainfalls, as well as provide guidance to overall water quality in the region. The reduction in lake levels during the dam project created a need to mitigate the water quality damage incurred over the last three years. Only a comprehensive watershed plan will enable our communities to meet these challenges and continue to revitalize the region.

Should you have further questions or require additional assistance, do not hesitate to contact Wil Lloyd, in Rep. Stivers' Lancaster, Ohio district office at (740) 654-2654 or email at William.Lloyd@mail.house.gov, or Luke Crumley in Rep. Balderson's district office at (614) 523-2555 or at Luke.crumley@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



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