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The Honorable John McCain
Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-6050

Dear Chairman McCain:

I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your concerns about the Rio de Flag Flood Control Project in Flagstaff, Arizona. Although not currently assigned to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and without specific detailed knowledge on this project, based on multiple previous Corps commands and a career of civil works-related assignments, I am aware of the underlying processes and potential issues that may affect any cost-share project like this.

It is my understanding that this project is a priority for both the Corps and the Army. If confirmed, I fully commit to ensure it remains a high priority with a clear goal of ensuring the approval of the Limited Reevaluation Report as soon as possible.

It is imperative the Corps maintains regular, open communications about ongoing projects with impacted jurisdictions and their elected representatives at all levels. Continued dialogue with your office on this project would be a first step in fulfilling that commitment. If confirmed, I will provide your office a more detailed briefing, including a clear way ahead and greater precision on a date certain. I also look forward to visiting the Corps' priority projects to ensure I can provide Members a direct, first-hand assessment as part of that dialogue.

I am prepared to meet with you or your staff to discuss this, and any other issue related to my potential confirmation as the next Chief of Engineers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd T. Semonite", is written over a long horizontal line that extends to the left.

Todd T. Semonite
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Director, Army Talent Management Task Force