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The Honorable John Paul Woodley  
Assistant Secretary, Civil Works  
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The Pentagon, Room 3E446  
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Dear Secretary Woodley:

I am writing to praise the efforts of the Memphis District Army Corps of Engineers for working with my office and the community to finish dredging the Elvis Stahr Harbor in Fulton County, Kentucky.

In late September, the Army Corps of Engineers showed up at the Elvis Stahr Harbor to dredge the harbor to make it useable for the corn harvest season. The funds for this work were made available as a result of a directive from your office. I am pleased this funding was provided. Because of the challenging conditions at the harbor as a result of it not being dredged for two years, I understand it was extremely difficult to estimate how long it would take to actually do the dredging.

Elvis Stahr Harbor was only allotted a certain amount of dredging time based on the schedule that was determined by the Corps, but after starting the project, we learned it would take additional time to finish at Elvis Stahr. I am very grateful that the Corps kept in close contact with my office through Ms. Linda Ross at the Memphis District and that Colonel Thomas P. Smith was extremely accommodating to ensure the job was finished. As a result of Ms. Ross and the Colonel's efforts, I am pleased to report that the public dock at the harbor will reopen for business shortly. I truly would like to convey my gratitude for the effort, patience, and time that was spent negotiating and finishing the work at Elvis Stahr Harbor. This outcome reflects the cooperative spirit and common sense approach of your Memphis District team who worked through many challenges to do what made sense for the taxpayers.

I look forward to working with you and the Memphis District Army Corps of Engineers on projects in the future.

Sincerely,



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