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The Hon. Peter Visclosky
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy
and Water Development
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Hon. David L. Hobson
Ranking Member
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Dear Mr. Hobson:

As the Subcommittee begins work on the Fiscal Year 2009 budget, the Water Resources Coalition (WRC) would like to reiterate its key recommendations for the budgets of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The Water Resources Coalition represents state and local government, engineering and construction, ports, waterways, transportation services and conservation organizations that have an interest in a comprehensive national water resources policy.

- **We support an appropriation of \$6.8 billion for the Corps of Engineers Civil Works program in FY 2009.**
- **The coalition also believes that a minimum of \$200 million should be added to the FY 2009 Water and Related Resources Budget for the Bureau of Reclamation.**

Our request of \$6.8 billion for the Corps in FY 2009 in no way reflects the overall need. A budget of as much as \$10 billion for the Corps in FY 2009 is eminently reasonable.

The Bureau has played an important role in the development of the 17 western states over the past one hundred years. We are greatly concerned that the reduction of nearly \$200 million in the FY 2009 Reclamation program proposed by the administration will severely hamper the Bureau's mission.

Sincerely,

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