

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

April 18, 2007

The President  
The White House  
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) for the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) issued today is extremely disconcerting and appears to be inconsistent with your previous comments, as recent as August 29, 2006. Particularly troubling, the SAP expresses "concerns" about the Morganza to the Gulf Hurricane Protection Project and suggests the project requires reformulation.

We note that in marking the anniversary of Katrina you said "in order to make sure that people understand there's hope and renewal in this area, they've got to have confidence in a stronger levee system." The Morganza project is a strong levee system and will provide protection and confidence to thousands of people in South Louisiana.

The SAP states in objection to Morganza to the Gulf, that this project could require reformulation, but fails to recognize that within WRDA there already exists a provision that authorizes modifications to projects to be consistent with the goals of restoring Louisiana's coast.

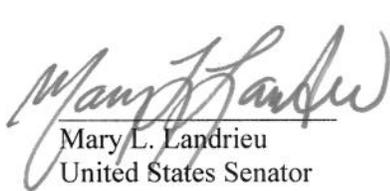
Most important for you to consider is that the Morganza to the Gulf project will provide hurricane and flood protection to more than 120,000 residents of South Louisiana in an environmentally sensitive manner. Additionally, this project protects significant energy infrastructure, critical to our national security and economy.

Because of our strong support for this vitally important project, we worked late into the waning hours of the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress to authorize this project, and have continued our efforts in the current session by introducing appropriate authorizing legislation.

We respectfully request that you express clear support for this project and work with Congress to provide essential hurricane and flood protection to the people of South Louisiana and to secure a key component of our nation's energy supply.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

  
Mary L. Landrieu  
United States Senator

  
Richard Baker  
Member of Congress

  
Charlie Melancon  
Member of Congress