



U.S. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

441 G St. N.W.
Washington, DC 20548

May 28, 2019

The Honorable Tom Carper
Ranking Member, Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate

Dear Senator Carper:

Thank you for your letter, jointly signed by Ranking Member Tammy Duckworth, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife, requesting that the Government Accountability Office review that taxpayer-funded flood risk management infrastructure, such as levees, are planned and maintained in a way that would minimize climate-related risks for various stakeholders thereby reducing overall federal fiscal exposure.

GAO accepts your request as work that is within the scope of its authority. At the current time we anticipate that staff with the required skills will be available to initiate an engagement in about twelve months. Your request has been assigned to Mr. Mark E. Gaffigan, Managing Director, Natural Resources and Environment. Closer to the time GAO can start this engagement, Mr. Gaffigan or a member of his team will contact Ms. Michal Freedhoff and Mr. John Kane to confirm that this request continues to be your priority for us. As applicable, we will also be in contact with the cognizant Inspector General's office to ensure that we are not duplicating efforts. If an issue arises during this coordination, we will consult with you regarding its resolution.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gaffigan at 202-512-3168 or gaffiganm@gao.gov, or Ms. Rosa Harris, Assistant Director for Congressional Relations, on my staff at 202-512-9492 or harrisrr@gao.gov.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Orice Williams Brown".

Orice Williams Brown
Managing Director
Congressional Relations

cc: Ms. Michal Freedhoff
Mr. John Kane

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