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April 6, 2015

Mr. Matthew Sailor  
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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Kansas City Regulatory Office  
601 E. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Room 402  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

Re: Renewal of Missouri River Commercial Dredging Permits

Dear Mr. Sailor,

Please accept this letter in support of Holliday Sand & Gravel, LCC for the renewed Missouri River Dredge Permit.

It is my understanding that the company's three facilities in the Kansas City, Missouri area will provide for vital economic development in the region. As a result, such development enables jobs for union and non-union construction employees. Holliday is known as a key producer of sand in their construction communities. For this reason, I enthusiastically support the company's three facilities that are located on the Missouri River in the Kansas City metropolitan area and St. Joseph, Missouri.

I ask that you allow the Holliday dredging company the opportunity to continue their operations with the approval of the Missouri River Dredge Permit. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Vicky Hartzler  
Member of Congress

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April 2, 2015

Mr. Matthew Sailor  
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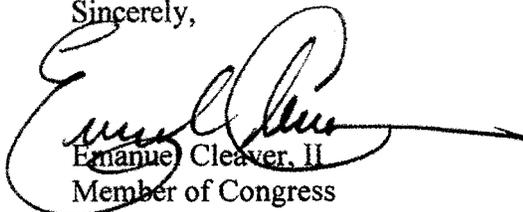
Dear Mr. Sailor:

I am writing in the matter of the Holliday Sand & Gravel, LLC (Holliday) request for a renewed Missouri River Dredge Permit. The company's three facilities, located on the Missouri River in the Kansas City metropolitan area and St. Joseph, are significant to the economic development of the region.

Holliday is the key producer of sand for the Kansas City metropolitan area and St. Joseph and supports hundreds of union and non-union construction employees in the Kansas City metropolitan area. The unions representing Holliday's organized employees include: Operating Engineers Local #101 and Heavy Construction Laborers' Local #663. Additionally, the economic impact of each of these jobs should be multiplied by nine (9) to understand the total employment impact. These jobs represent millions of dollars in payroll for our local economy.

River bed degradation, particularly in the Kansas City reach of the Missouri River, is a serious issue, and I am confident that the Missouri River Degradation Study will provide the collective river stakeholders solutions to alleviating the erosion and protecting public infrastructure. I urge you to use any available flexibility on the proposed permit levels among the applicable river segments, such that will continue to support the dredging industry while maintaining balance among the various river interests.

Sincerely,



Emanuel Cleaver, II  
Member of Congress

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Re: Renewal of Missouri River Commercial Dredging Permits

Dear Mr. Sailor:

Please accept our comments in the matter of the Holliday Sand & Gravel, LLC (Holliday) request for a renewed Missouri River Dredge Permit. We understand that during the previous permit renewal in 2010, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers cut Holliday's dredging volume in the Kansas City segment of the river by 79 percent. We believe that the company's three facilities, located on the Missouri River in the Kansas City metropolitan area and St. Joseph, are vital to the economic development of the region, and that any further tonnage reductions would harm jobs, construction and the region's economy.

Holliday supports hundreds of union and non-union construction employees in the Kansas City metropolitan area. The unions representing Holliday's organized employees include: Operating Engineers Local 101 and Laborers Local 663 and 1290. The construction industry has not fully recovered from the recession, and we support Holliday's requested volumes of dredging to avoid losing hundreds of construction materials jobs, which would be harmful to the local economy. Additionally, the economic impact of each of these jobs should be multiplied by nine to understand the total employment impact from the loss of family purchasing power and related industry job loss. These jobs represent millions of dollars in payroll for the local economy.

Holliday is the key producer of sand for the Kansas City metropolitan area and St. Joseph. If sufficient sand is not available, infrastructure projects would be halted (highways, bridges and buildings). In addition, there is concern in the construction community that further reducing or eliminating dredging in these three locations will result in significantly increased costs of building materials containing sand for concrete, precast concrete products and asphalt.

Kansas City and St. Joseph's construction and transportation industry depends on quality and economical sand from the Missouri River, and we ask that Holliday's dredging be allowed to continue at the greatest levels that are possible.

Sincerely,



Sam Graves