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U.S. Representative Collin Peterson
2211 Rayburn House Office Building
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RE: Funding for Section 205 Flood Control Act of 1948
Ada, MN

Dear Congressman Peterson:

After your recent discussions with the COE, it appears that there is a heightened state of activity to complete the Ada USACE 205 study. We were shocked however to learn that the project costs have more than doubled from a recent COE estimate in September. The COE's new estimate now means our project greatly exceeds the funding cap for a COE 205 project and has a significantly reduced benefit /cost ratio.

The City of Ada respectfully requests your assistance to increase the federal funding cap for our Section 205 Flood Reduction project from $7 million to $10.533 million based on the newest cost estimate of $16.205 million for said project from the St. Paul District COE.

The project which provides a 200-year level of protection will decrease damages from $704,000 per year to $44,600 per year. It will protect over 1,600 residents, 749 households and 433 families. Getting this funding change and project is critically important to the citizens of Ada.

Thank you for your concerns about the flooding problems our community faces and your efforts on our behalf. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at any time 218-784-7100 (home) or 218-784-8181 (cell).

Sincerely yours,

Jim Ellefson

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Mayor