

United States Senate  
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Gary Meinershagen  
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Dear Mr. Meinershagen,

Along the Mississippi River, families and businesses are all too familiar with the devastating damage that the rising river can cause.

Some of you may have heard of "Plan H" of the Upper Mississippi River Comprehensive Plan, an option submitted by the Army Corps of Engineers which suggests ways to update our flood protection capabilities.

Implementation of Plan H would result in the strengthening of levees along nearly the entire length of the Upper Mississippi River to 500-year flood levels - **except for the levees protecting Pike, Lincoln and St. Charles Counties.** That's unacceptable.

I strongly share my constituents' concerns - if Plan H is implemented, homes, farms and businesses in these communities will all be placed in serious jeopardy. It is a risk that the people of these communities cannot afford.

I've sent a letter to the Commander of the St. Louis District Army Corps of Engineers urging him to garner support from all potentially affected communities before moving forward and letting him know that we will continue to monitor the plan's development with our partners at the federal, state and local level. I have included that letter here.

Improving flood protection capabilities along the Mississippi River is important, but we must move forward in a comprehensive way that addresses the needs of the entire river basin.

Plan H fails to do so - I'll fight to make sure the plan is not implemented in its current form.

Again, thank you for contacting me. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the future if I can be of further assistance to you on this or any other issue.

Sincerely,



Claire McCaskill  
United States Senator

P.S. If you would like more information about resources that can help Missourians, or what I am doing in the Senate on your behalf, please sign up for my email newsletter at [www.mccaskill.senate.gov](http://www.mccaskill.senate.gov).