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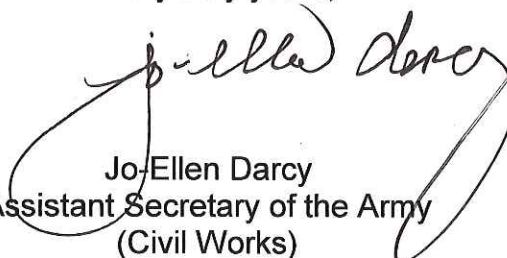
Dear Ms. Janairo:

This is in response to your letter dated October 25, 2016, cosigned by forty-seven other members of the Great Lakes Legislative Caucus, to Director Shaun Donovan, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and me, requesting funding for small harbors on the Great Lakes. I am responding on behalf of the Department of the Army.

The FY 2017 Budget includes approximately \$103 million in operation and maintenance funding for the Great Lakes, including approximately \$10 million for low commercial use harbors. These projects will continue to be considered for future funding along with other programs, projects, and activities across the Nation in competition for the available Federal resources. However, no commitments can be made at this time concerning final FY 2017 allocations.

Thank you for your interest in the Army Civil Works Program. An identical letter is being provided to each of the other signatories of your letter.

Very truly yours,


Jo-Ellen Darcy
Assistant Secretary of the Army
(Civil Works)