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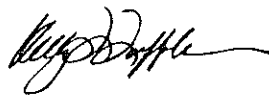
As we look toward final consideration of the 2020 Water Resources Development Act, we urge you to include consensus language in the final bill regarding the mitigation feature related to the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project at or below the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam that will maintain the pool of water currently serving the Augusta, Georgia and North Augusta, South Carolina communities. This pool of water is utilized for municipal and industrial water supplies as well as recreational activities.

The local communities of Augusta, Georgia and North Augusta, South Carolina are opposed to the current alternative and have come together to support a legislative fix in lieu of additional litigation. We do not want to delay the deepening of the Port of Savannah, and we urge you to include consensus language in the final bill ahead of the Corps' January 2021 construction date that protects the pool, as required by law, while also accommodating fish mitigation.

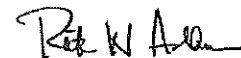
Sincerely,



David A. Perdue
U.S. Senator



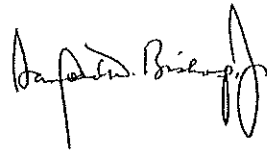
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