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Col. Karl D. Jansen
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Dear Col. Jansen,

Thank you for your continued partnership surrounding the Upper St. Anthony Lock and Dam. We are excited about the future of the area as a more accessible destination. The current Upper St. Anthony Lock disposition study has engaged our community and brought increased attention to the built infrastructure that makes up the dam and lock system in our city.

It has come to our attention that community members have brought forth concerns about the cutoff wall structure that the Army Corps of Engineers constructed over a century ago to stabilize the falls. It is our intention to make you aware of these concerns and to formally request that the Army Corps of Engineers inspect the infrastructure of the cutoff wall to ensure that it is in sound and safe condition.

The regional importance of this cutoff wall includes everything from the safety of multiple localities' drinking water to power generating facilities and transportation infrastructure. As the only entity with the expertise, history, and ability to effectively assess and maintain the cutoff wall, the Army Corps of Engineers' review is necessary and should take place as quickly as possible.

We appreciate your attention to this issue. We would be happy to meet and further discuss the review and appreciate a response regarding a timeline for your review and evaluation of the cutoff wall.

Yours Truly,

Mayor Jacob Frey

Council Member Steve Fletcher

Council Member Andrew Johnson

Cc: Office of Congresswoman Omar
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Office of Amy Klobuchar