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Ms. Jeannette P. Tamayo
Regional Director
Economic Development Administration
230 South Dearborn Street
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Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Ms. Tamayo:

As the Economic Development Administration considers applications for the Planning and Local Technical Assistance Program, I would like to bring your attention to the "Buckeye Lake Community Impact Planning" project.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recently classified the dam at Buckeye Lake as in imminent danger of catastrophic failure. In an effort to save the dam, local officials reduced the lake's water level to three feet. This response has crippled the local economy, which is reliant on lake tourism and recreation.

Funding is being sought by Perry County (Ohio), on behalf of Perry, Licking, and Fairfield counties, to continue paying for a Recovery Coordinator. The coordinator develops and implements programs and services to help area residents and businesses cope with the economic downturn. This funding is critical to the region's residents and the local economy.

This proposal deserves full and fair consideration. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact stuart_zorn@brown.senate.gov of my staff.

Sincerely,



Sherrod Brown
United States Senator

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