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Lieutenant Colonel Owen Beaudoin  
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**Re: Congressional FOIA Request**

Dear Colonel Beaudoin:

I am deeply concerned about the proposal to move several, critical functions of the Buffalo District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to Detroit and Cincinnati. On its face, it appears that these changes will not provide substantial savings but will reduce the agency's effectiveness and project delivery in my constituency. I am presently gathering information regarding this matter so that I can more effectively advocate on behalf of my constituents and for policies which serve the national interest.

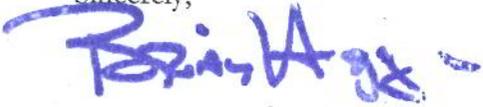
It has been conveyed to me that you may have prepared (possibly in cooperation with your counterpart in the Chicago District) a document of some kind (a report, dossier, email, presentation, or other communication) for your superiors which cast some doubt on whether or not this move would ultimately serve the Agency's purposes. It has been conveyed to me that this document/communication may or may not have been received by them. I hereby request a copy of that document/communication and all attachments and references associated with it.

I make this request pursuant to the oversight authority vested in my office in Article One of the U.S. Constitution, and pursuant to FOIA. I ask that you waive all reproduction charges associated with this request but stand ready to pay any reasonable reproduction charges which may apply. I request that you transmit them via email, in any commonly-used format, to [chris.fahey@mail.house.gov](mailto:chris.fahey@mail.house.gov), but am prepared to receive them in whatever format they may be available, via any conventional means of transmission. I request that you transmit this information as soon as possible, as it has been

conveyed to me that staff from Cincinnati will be in Buffalo early next week to begin implementation of this plan.

I value your leadership very much and the excellent work of the Buffalo District. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Higgins". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "B" and a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Brian Higgins  
Member of Congress