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Dear William,

Thank you for contacting me about water management and conservation. I appreciate hearing from you.

Benjamin Franklin once quipped, "When the well's dry, we know the worth of water." Franklin understood that while water is an essential part of daily life, many of us take it for granted. We use water to cook, clean, and nourish crops, and to transport people and goods. It is undoubtedly one of our most precious natural resources. As such, wise water management should be a top priority.

As a member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, I proudly supported the bipartisan Water Resources Development Act, which passed the Senate on May 15, 2013. The legislation establishes priorities for the Army Corps of Engineers to maintain waterways for transportation, reduce flood and storm damage, and restore fragile aquatic ecosystems.

Our great rivers, like the Missouri River, are national treasures that must be protected. It is important, however, to consider the needs of citizens, landowners, and businesses as a part of any river management plan.

Thank you again for contacting me. Should you have further questions or concerns, please visit www.fischer.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Deb Fischer
United States Senator