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Colonel DeLapp,

The congressional district I represent includes Forsyth and Gwinnett Counties, and many of my constituents consider Lake Lanier to be the lifeblood of our local community. However, I am concerned by recent reports that there has been an uptick in theft from docks on Lake Lanier. As you know, the current Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) prohibits security cameras, among many other items, from being installed on these docks. As it stands, docks on Lake Lanier are uniquely susceptible to theft, particularly at night and when the Lake is crowded. Homeowners and visitors alike deserve the peace of mind of knowing that their property will be safe.

Given that there have been significant advances in technology in the years since this policy was first implemented, I urge you to reevaluate the blanket prohibition on the installation of such equipment and work with local stakeholders to modify this policy in a way that protects the privacy, safety, and rights of all stakeholders, including both homeowners and visitors.

Lake Lanier is one of our most cherished local resources and one of the Corps's most popular projects, providing millions of Georgians with recreational and economic opportunities each year. It is vital that we continue to ensure the protection of property and the safety of the many families who enjoy visiting the Lake as well as the homeowners who live there. To that end, please provide an update on how the Corps plans to address this safety issue as well as a timeline for when we should expect concrete action to resolve these safety concerns.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or have your staff contact Alex Poirot at 202-225-4272 or alex.poirot@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



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