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The Honorable Tom Coburn  
United States Senate  
172 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Dr. Coburn,

As you know, Americans for Prosperity is committed to mobilizing citizens across the country to become more engaged in the policy process and to encourage governments to be more responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars. Taxpayers cannot afford to fund every possible project, and fiscal discipline requires making choices to prioritize more important projects over less.

**On behalf of our members, I am writing to express support your Amendments 1089 and 1090 to the Water Resources Development Act, which would set reasonable priorities for federal spending.**

Amendment 1089 would require that the victims of Hurricane Katrina and Rita have their housing needs met before federal dollars are used to build a visitors center in Morgan City, La. Such a visitors center should, in our view, be a matter of local concern that does not require federal funding. Even those who support federal funding of such projects, however, should recognize that meeting the basic housing needs of hurricane victims should be a higher priority for federal aid to Louisiana.

Similarly amendment 1090 would set proper priorities in California. Sacramento remains vulnerable to flooding, and completion of that project should clearly be a higher priority than funding sand replacement to enhance beaches in San Diego. If federal funding for such projects is legitimate, surely flood protection is a more important priority than beach enhancement.

Thank you for your leadership on fiscal issues and **we commend your efforts to prioritize federal spending rather than sticking taxpayers with the bill for everything on Congress's wish list.**

Sincerely,



Tim Phillips  
President