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## **Herger Promotes National Levee Safety Program**

*New legislation would require nationwide levee inspection  
and prioritization program*

(WASHINGTON, DC) -- Congressman Herger has joined a bi-partisan group of lawmakers to promote H.R. 4650, the "National Levee Safety Program Act of 2005." H.R. 4650 would instruct the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to inspect the nation's levees for potential weaknesses and prioritize those areas that pose a risk to human life and critical infrastructure. The legislation would also create a National Levee Safety Review Board to partner with state agencies and flood protection experts to develop levee safety programs and policies. Congressman Herger issued the following statement regarding H.R. 4650:

"The recent winter storms in Northern California serve as stark reminder of the potentially serious threat that flooding poses to our communities and infrastructure," Herger stated.

"The 'National Levee Safety Program Act' directs the Corps of Engineers to conduct a nationwide inventory of our levee system and prioritize those levees that are in need of repair.

"H.R. 4650 would help the Corps of Engineers and state and local flood protection agencies work together to pinpoint problem areas and better focus flood control expertise and funding. I am an active proponent of H.R. 4650 and urge my fellow members of the House to support this important legislation," concluded Herger.

H.R. 4650 would direct the Corps of Engineers to:

- Perform a levee inventory and prioritization list
- Work with the governors to address hazardous levee conditions
- Develop and promote a national levee safety program and levee safety guidelines
- Provide assistance for and periodically review state levee safety programs

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