

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Lieutenant General Thomas P. Bostick
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Dear General Bostick:

We write to you in regards to the recent release of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS). While we appreciate the USACE's diligence in laying out multiple pathways to stopping the spread of Asian Carp into the Great Lakes, we urge you now to identify the best path forward and execute that plan.

As you well know, the entry of Asian Carp into the Great Lakes would be devastating to the ecosystem and eventually the economy surrounding the Great Lakes. This looming disaster must be acted on as quickly as possible given the Great Lakes value to not only the Midwest and Northeast, but also to the country as a whole.

In wake of the GLMRIS, we now ask the USACE to select the option that would best preserve the Great Lakes going forward. Given the USACE's expertise in this manner, we need quick and decisive action in order to combat a potential crisis that could destroy the Great Lakes ecosystem, which is the back bone of a \$7.5 billion commercial fishing industry and 800,000 jobs.

We again appreciate the USACE's attention to this matter, and we urge you to decisively take the next step forward in stopping the spread of an ecological and economic disaster that could jeopardize one of the world's natural treasures. Thank you in advance for consideration of this matter.

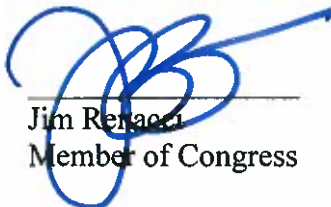
Sincerely,



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