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On behalf of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association and our nearly 4,000 member companies across the state, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the ongoing Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS). Illinois manufacturers employ nearly 575,000 workers and contribute the single largest share – 12.4 percent – of the state's Gross Domestic Product.

The impact of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers decision on the Chicago waterways will have a huge impact on manufacturing and commerce. Decisions impacting the potential separation of the waters flowing between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River should be debated carefully, slowly and with participation from all stakeholders. This decision impacts billions of dollars in the economy and tens of thousands of jobs.

The IMA and our members are strongly opposed to closure of the Chicago Waterways by way of a permanent separation.

Thank you for your consideration.

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