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I am a private citizen, who has lived in the Dowagiac, MI area all of my life. This is approx. 25 miles from access to Lake Michigan in St. Joseph, MI. Some of the best times of my life have involved Lake Michigan, in one way or another, in SW Michigan, in northern MI, and in the Chicago area. I have read your report and it is far beyond me to comment on this very technical document but I will comment from the view of a Michigan resident who has a great love of the Great Lakes and especially Lake Michigan. Please do everything possible to keep these lakes healthy for the present and for the future. It gives me much sadness to see how the water levels have fallen in Lake Michigan in the past few years as evidenced by the lower water lines on the piers in St. Joseph and South Haven, MI and by how the beaches in St. Joseph, South Haven and Bridgman, MI, have become so much wider before you reach the water's edge. And it gives me much sadness to think these very invasive fish can be causing great harm now and become even worse in the future, for the lakes physically, for the native species in the lakes, for Michigan's very needed tourist industry and for other businesses that depend on the Great Lakes. Please do every ecologically sound thing you can do to assure that the Great Lakes will remain safe and healthy and beautiful, and to be able to remain a source of benefit for our economies and for our human spirit.

Sincerely,

Catherine Oprea-Rockhill