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ATTN: GLMRIS Comments, Dave Wethington

Dear Mr. Wethington,

On behalf of members of the Sierra Club, please find the enclosed 3,907 public comments submitted by residents in Illinois, Ohio, Wisconsin, and Michigan. These comments follow the release of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study (GLMRIS) report and acknowledge the most effective method of preventing two-way transfer of aquatic nuisance species to be hydrologic separation. The messages submitted by Illinois residents emphasize the delicate role of Illinois stakeholders in finding interim and long-term solutions to this problem and the need for further study of regional concerns and benefits that were not addressed by the report. Thank you for your work in completing this report and for your consideration of these public comments.