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Dear Sirs/Madam

I am writing to the Corps of Engineers to consider changing their tactics to one of immediately and totally eliminating the threat of an Asian Carp invasion of the Great Lakes by shutting down all locks completely. Conducting yet another lengthy, redundant study will not even be completed until 2015. Who knows how many more years before it would be implemented? By then it will be years too late. There has already been extensive studies and conclusions reached by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and one from the Fisheries and Oceans Canada. There is no justification for the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct yet another costly and time consuming activity.

The connection of the waterways must be plugged by shutting down the locks NOW. This man made nightmare started in 1912; let us undo the damage before 2012! Shipping and commerce are effectively shut down now during the winter months; why not for the rest of the year? Once the carp become established in Lake Michigan, all of the other Great Lakes, the rivers and streams that empty into the watershed are in grave peril. ALL waters will become a vast wasteland of carp, carp and more carp. We may NEVER have another opportunity to stop this from happening.

The Great Lakes Commission and Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Cities Initiative are conducting alternative studies after a physical separation of the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River is achieved. Other organizations have contributed to these projects and the corps should use these to hasten the corps own analysis.

The tourist, recreational, sport and commercial fishing industries represent billions of dollars to Canada and the states that adjoin the entire Great Lakes system. I understand the concern of the commercial industries, currently using the waterways for commerce. I cannot imagine a higher price to pay than the complete destruction of the Great Lakes versus developing another path for commerce to function.

Of equal, if not even greater concern to me is the SAFETY of people using the Great Lakes for recreation, fishing and commerce. The Asian Carp are greatly disturbed by motor noises and have repeatedly demonstrated their ability to maim, break bones, knock people overboard and land in vessels. They are a hazard beyond compare. It is my worst nightmare. Please err on the side of caution.

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