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Asian carp threaten devastation to the both the state of Michigan and the Great Lakes. A solution that eliminates their threat of invasion is indispensable. In order to ensure the safety of the Great Lakes, a permanent ecological barrier must be put in place. No opportunity for Asian carp to enter the Great Lakes can be left unguarded.

The current proposed solution to the problem is insufficient. This “fix,” An electric barrier between the Chicago canal system and Lake Michigan, will not prevent the spread of the carp, as recent DNA samples have shown. With every study, more DNA from these invasive carp is found in Lake Michigan.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, who are faced with the task of finding a solution, must act with haste. Their proposed four year study of the situation is far too much time, and many experts speculate that a similar study can be implemented in as little as 18 months. We cannot stress enough the importance of a fast and effective solution. This solution ought to be a top priority for all parties, and until a permanent physical barrier is put in place, our work is not complete.

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow and Representative Dave Camp have introduced new legislation into Congress in order to prevent the invasion of Asian Carp. The proposed Stop Asian Carp Act seeks to create a permanent barrier between the Chicago Area Waterway System and Lake Michigan, and to do so quickly. They too understand that prevention is of utmost importance in the State of Michigan. With support, the shared goal to keep our waters safe can be reached.

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