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To Whom it may concern;

Congress has mandated the Corps to investigate strategies to prevent the Asian Carp from entering the lakes. The Corps, despite its repeated claims to the public that it is limited to what Congress authorizes, is once again making its own law. To put it in plain english, "reducing risk" is not the same as preventing the introduction of a harmful species.

The Great Lakes are faced with an imminent threat. Asian Carp are close to entering the Lake Michigan. The science suggests that these invasive fish will wreak havoc on the native fisheries, fisheries that support a productive commercial and recreational industry.

The Corps has demonstrated that in war, it can be flexible when American soldiers are in harms way. But when it comes to America's ecology being in harms way, a tortoise approach is standard business as usual. By the time you get around to make a recommendation, it will very likely be too late. As we know from past experience, once an invasive species reaches the Great Lakes, the cost of containing the damages is enormously expensive; that assumes that containment is even possible.

Sir, what is needed is for the Corps to conduct an expedited study to evaluate the best strategy to keep the Asian Carp out of the Great Lakes. Expedited means 12-18 months, not years.

Respectfully,
Richard Spencer