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Dear Sir/Madame:

I was unable to attend the COE hearing in Buffalo, NY, but wish to state my strong support as the New York representative to the Izaak Walton League's Great Lakes Committee that we in New York State support a full separation of the Great Lakes watershed from the Mississippi River basin and its connecting waters.

The immediate crisis facing the Great Lakes is the introduction of more invasive species such as the Asian Carp, which can do severe damage to the existing fish communities in the Great Lakes and the associated sport and commercial fisheries.

However, there is a constant threat from additional invasive plants and animals that needs to be reduced, if not eliminated, by separating the Great Lakes and Mississippi watersheds. The cost to existing barge traffic in the Chicago area may be in the millions, but potential damages from allowing more invasives to cross into either the Great Lakes or Mississippi basins can be estimated in the billions of dollars.

Very truly yours,

Les Monostory, National Director

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