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The Honorable Jennifer Granholm
Governor
The State of Michigan
P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909

The Honorable Nancy Sutley
Chairwoman
Council on Environmental Quality
730 Jackson Place, NW
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Governor Granholm and Chairwoman Sutley:

I stand by your efforts to organize a summit to discuss actions to prevent the Asian carp from entering the Great Lakes. I agree that the introduction of the Asian carp would have a devastating impact on Michigan citizens and the \$7 billion fishing industry and needs to be addressed immediately.

I have long advocated for stopping all non-native species from entering the Great Lakes and have worked with the Great Lakes delegation in providing the resources and tools to address invasive species. The threat posed by the Asian carp is significant, and there is much more work to be done.

As you consider locations to host the summit, I recommend that you convene at the Annis Water Resources Institute (AWRI) at Grand Valley State University in Muskegon, Michigan. AWRI is a leader in invasive species research, restoration of Great Lakes Areas of Concern, protection of near-shore and coastal habitat, and the education of stakeholders on Great Lakes issues through its innovative vessel research program. AWRI is centrally located for participants and would serve as a perfect host and backdrop for the summit on Muskegon Lake.

In addition, members of Congress have been working to prevent the introduction of Asian carp for several years and should be invited to participate in the summit. Members of Congress have an important role to play in ongoing discussions.

If I can be of further assistance in scheduling the summit in West Michigan, please contact me at (202) 225-4401.

Sincerely,



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