

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 16, 2025

The Honorable Mike Simpson  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on the Interior, Environment,  
and Related Agencies  
2007 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Chellie Pingree  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on the Interior, Environment,  
and Related Agencies  
2007 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Simpson and Ranking Member Pingree:

As members of the Congressional Great Lakes Task Force, we are writing to inform the Subcommittee that we are united in carefully monitoring programs integral to the Great Lakes environment and waterborne commerce. As you develop the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 appropriations bill, we write to share our commitment to programs within the several agencies under your jurisdiction that protect our economic and environmental health, including fish and wildlife resources in the Great Lakes. In particular, we will carefully monitor the following programs:

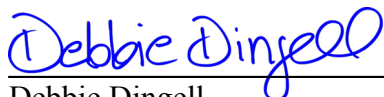
- **The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI)**, as reauthorized through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2019;
- **BEACH grants**, as authorized through the Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health (BEACH) Act of 2000;
- **The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Sea Lamprey control program and the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration program**, as authorized through the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act, the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, and the Great Lakes Fishery Act of 1956;
- **The US Geological Survey's Great Lakes Science Center**, as authorized through Title II of Division P in the FY 2020 Further Consolidated Appropriations Act;
- **The National Cooperative Geological Mapping Program**, as authorized by the National Geological Mapping Act of 2009, which includes programs such as the Great Lakes Mapping Coalition;
- **The Clean Water State Revolving Fund**, as authorized by the Amendments to the Clean Water Act (CWA) in 1987;
- **The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund**, as authorized by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Amendments of 1996, and reauthorized by the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018; and
- **The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Asian Carp Program.**

This work carried out by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is critical to the sustainability of the Great Lakes' natural resources. The Great Lakes Task Force continues to strongly support federal efforts to prevent the spread of invasive Asian carp, especially those of silver and bighead carp, into the Great Lakes, while also closely monitoring federal programs within the USGS and the FWS aimed at researching the threat that Asian grass carp might pose to the Great Lakes.

As you know, the Great Lakes are a unique natural system of global economic and environmental significance. It provides the world's largest system of fresh surface water, supplying drinking water for more than 30 million Americans; supports over 1.5 million jobs, generating \$62 billion in wages annually; and is home to over 3,500 species of plants and animals. At the same time, the Great Lakes have struggled with invasive species, toxic chemical contamination, habitat loss, coastal erosion, and beach closures, so adequate funding for the EPA, USGS, and USFWS's missions in the Great Lakes is of the utmost importance.

We urge the Subcommittee to carefully review this program and thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have questions, please contact Remy Fortin in Representative Huizenga's office at [remy.fortin@mail.house.gov](mailto:remy.fortin@mail.house.gov) or Andrew Haring in Representative Dingell's office at [andrew.haring@mail.house.gov](mailto:andrew.haring@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,



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Bill Huizenga  
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Rashida Tlaib  
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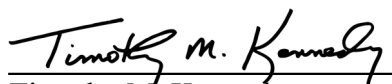
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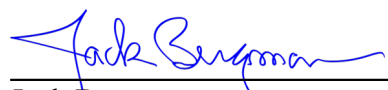



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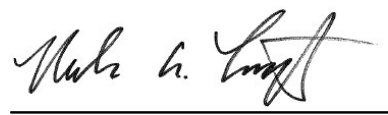
  
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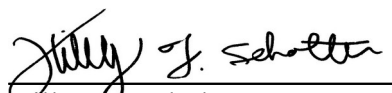
  
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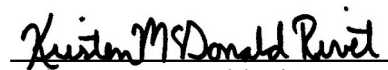
  
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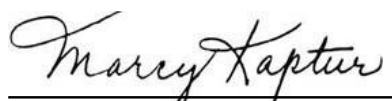
  
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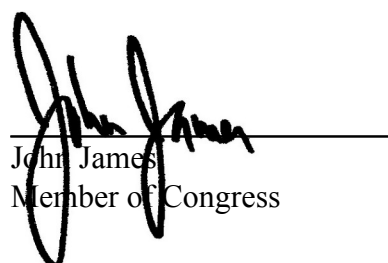
  
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Gwen S. Moore  
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