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Governor Pat Quinn
Office of the Governor
207 State House
Springfield, IL 62702

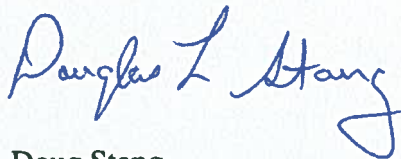
Dear Governor Quinn:

I am writing on behalf of the Council of Great Lakes Fishery Agencies in support of the emergency actions Illinois will soon be taking to prevent the invasion of the Great Lakes by Asian carp.

Members of our council represent 15 state, federal, tribal, and provincial natural resource agencies that are signatories of *A Joint Strategic Plan for Management of Great Lakes Fisheries*. Invasive species, such as the various Asian carp species in the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, have been identified in this plan as a serious threat to the Great Lakes ecosystem and the tremendously valuable fisheries it supports. What happens in Illinois is of interest and concern to all our member agencies. For that reason, we have solicited and received commitments of personnel, equipment, chemicals, and funding to assist Illinois in the upcoming rotenone treatment in the vicinity of the electric dispersal barriers. We know this is a large and complex initiative and understand that it is an essential part of the overall response to the threat of invasions from the waterways connected to Lake Michigan.

In addition to this current need, we will continue to support efforts to develop more comprehensive solutions to prevent invasions via the pathways between the Mississippi River and Great Lakes. We recognize and applaud the leadership provided by your resource professionals and political leaders. Please let us know if there are other means of support we can provide.

Sincerely,



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