



Great Lakes Metro Chambers Coalition

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Buffalo Niagara Partnership
Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce
Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce
Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber
Columbus Chamber of Commerce
Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce
Detroit Regional Chamber
Duluth Chamber of Commerce
Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership
Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce
Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce
Greater Cleveland Partnership
Greater Des Moines Partnership
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Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce
Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce
Kalamazoo Regional Chamber of Commerce
Lancaster Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce
Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce
Michigan West Coast Chamber of Commerce
Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce
Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce
Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce
Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance
Plattsburgh North Country Chamber of Commerce
Quad Cities Chamber
Rockford Chamber of Commerce
Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce
Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce
Traverse City Area Chamber of Commerce
Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber of Commerce

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The Honorable Candice Miller
United States House of Representatives
320 Cannon House Office Building
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Representative Miller:

Together we represent nearly 40 chambers of commerce, 150,000 businesses and more than 1 million jobs. We work collaboratively on issues vital to the Great Lakes region, such as the serious economic and environmental threat posed by Asian Carp.

We support the Defending Our Great Lakes Act of 2015, H.R. 1135, which you have introduced. We agree that the Great Lakes represent an invaluable, irreplaceable resource for our region and its economy. We applaud your efforts to protect the hundreds of thousands of jobs tied to the Great Lakes region's \$7 billion recreational fishing and \$16 billion recreational boating industries.

Over the past thirty years, we have restored our Great Lakes, preserving them as one of our nation's most precious natural and economic resources.

The threat of Asian Carp is real and imminent. We thank you for your efforts to prevent the interbasin transfer of aquatic invasive species and we thank you for your leadership on this issue. Our Coalition pledges to assist you as your legislation advances through Congress.

Sincerely,



Ed Wolking, Jr.
Coalition Director