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Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader McCarthy:

As you work to complete legislative action in the 117th Congress, we write to urge you to enact the Water Resources Development Act of 2022 (WRDA 2022), earlier versions of which passed the House and Senate with bipartisan support earlier this summer. We understand that the final legislative text for WRDA 2022 has been agreed upon and we encourage that it be passed by the House of Representatives.

Several key provisions in WRDA 2022 greatly benefit the Great Lakes region. These include the revision of the cost share for the Brandon Road Lock and Dam project to stop invasive carp from entering the Great Lakes, as well as language to expedite the Great Lakes Coastal Resiliency Study.

The threat of invasive carp (bighead, silver and black carp) persists in Great Lakes region. The establishment of invasive carp in the Great Lakes would devastate a \$7 billion fisheries industry and would undermine the outdoor recreation economy on which many Great Lakes communities depend. The Brandon Road Project being implemented by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is currently in the project engineering and design phase and construction is scheduled to begin in 2024. Revision of the cost share will ensure that the project moves forward expeditiously to construction in recognition of the serious threat posed by invasive carp.

In addition, the Great Lakes Coastal Resiliency Study, previously authorized by Congress, is important as it will give the Great Lakes states and local communities the information and options they need to address fluctuating lake levels in the face of climate change.

We very much appreciate your efforts to move this important legislation forward at the earliest possible time.

Sincerely,

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