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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts on the Army Administration's decision to [redacted] of the Brandon Road Study relating to Asian Carp. It is important that I hear from constituents in my district and I appreciate the time you took to share your thoughts.

As you may know, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began conducting a study in April 2013 to explore the potential cost the electrical upgrades to the Chicago area to further address the spread of aquatic invasive species. The Ecological Effects study, when released, could have significant and lasting implications for commercial vessel traffic on the Brandon Road Lock. This lock is critical to the movement of goods on the Chicago Area Waterways System (CAWS), so any potential structural modifications must be thoroughly considered and necessary implementation is under to ensure the safety of commercial vessel crews.

With this in mind, I wrote a letter to President Trump on February 23, along with 13 other concerned members of Congress, asking the Administration to delay the release of the plan until a new Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works is appointed. We emphasized in the letter that the Illinois Rivers and its partners have taken serious steps to prevent the Asian Carp population [redacted] This is evidenced by the fact that the "leading edge" of the Asian Carp population has not moved upstream from Brandon Road Lock, more than 50 miles downstream from the Brandon Road Lock, in more than 10 years, which all this comes before a federal funding [redacted] the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. Finally, the I support redirecting. [redacted] Asian Carp thus far.

I understand you are interested in seeing the Brandon Road Study released. I appreciate you letting me know your thoughts and I hope that we can work together on other issues in the future to improve our system of government. Please know that I share your goal of preventing further harmful [redacted] of the Asian Carp population. Again, thank you for contacting me regarding the Brandon Road Study.

Please let me know if my office can be of assistance to you in the future. If you would like to stay informed on what is happening in the 13th District, I encourage you to sign up to receive my e-newsletter by mailing [redacted] It is truly an honor to serve you in the United States Congress.

Sincerely,

Rodney Davis
Member of Congress

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