

*A letter from a veteran*

[DATE]

Re: **RESTORE MID-MICHIGAN LAKES**

Dear [NAME]:

As a veteran seeing mud and stumps through my lakefront window, I'm turning to you for help. I hope that those NOT facing this devastation can lend their support to those of us needing it now; Americans have always helped others after natural disasters.

The disaster here was brought on by a dishonorable private dam operator. Now, we must petition the federal and state authorities for a remedy from a situation in which the citizens became the victim of failed federal regulators.

The outcome has affected tens of thousands of people, businesses, recreational commerce, and investments of all kinds.

We've all contributed over our lives to enrich or restore the lives of others affected by hurricanes, floods, and other untold disasters. Now, the residents of Secord, Smallwood, Wixom, and Sanford Lakes see daily devastation brought about through the preventable flood and damage and, in some cases, destruction of our four-dam system making up the Tittabawassee water system. Come and see for yourself.

The price tag is too high for the property owners to shoulder the burden alone. With the support of funding from our (federal/state) government, we all will have a chance to see water back in our lakes. Thank you for your commitment to this critical effort.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]

[ADDRESS]

{CITY, STATE, ZIP}