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Re: **RESTORE MID-MICHIGAN LAKES**

Dear [NAME]:

Our president and Congress have committed to infrastructure repair in America.

Our lifestyles have been altered dramatically because of last year's floods on the Tittabawassee River system. A rogue private dam operator was allowed to operate for years while no meaningful Federal enforcement ever occurred. The government failed the taxpayers and now, we are left to clean up the mess. Meanwhile, the at-fault operator moves on to a protected status under the law.

How can the thousands and thousands of mid-Michigan residents receive help in restoring our infrastructure in a waterway that serves so many?

Millions of dollars in recreational business spending in our counties are gone. Small businesses have failed or struggle every day to stay open. When we factor in COVID, the disaster is magnified.

We support the Four Lakes Task Force plan to restore the Tittabawassee water system. The cost to restore the 4 dams is high and it is not fair to expect property owners to bear the cost alone.

We are turning to you for support to assist in getting (federal/state) funding to help make our lives whole once again. Americans have a basic history of helping those in need from all kinds of disasters—natural or otherwise. And now, we've had one, and we need financial help and government support for the tax-paying people whose lives are on pause.

Help us. Push the "start" button on our infrastructure repair. We implore you to be there in a tangible way.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]

[ADDRESS]

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