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Re: **RESTORE MID-MICHIGAN LAKES**

Dear [NAME]:

The tax base and property values on the Tittabawassee waterway are under great stress. Lifestyles are impaired daily in what was once a thriving, successful community. Millions of tourism, fishing, and other destination dollars are in peril. Why? Because federal regulators allowed a dam operator to avoid the very regulations they existed to oversee. For years, letters had been sent, yet no enforcement occurred—the result was a catastrophe over a decade in the making, one which the taxpayers were trying to actively avoid.

Put yourself in our place. Then add COVID.

Thousands here in mid-Michigan are turning to you and asking that you turn toward us, your constituents, and not only listen but also lend a hand in helping to restore our waterway through your influence in helping us receive funding for repairs. We are willing, through the Four Lakes Task Force, to pay our fair share. We support the group's plan and path forward. Americans have always provided generous support to neighbors in need after disasters of all kinds; we never thought we would be in such need, but we are.

We are desperately turning to you for help.

Can we count on you? Will you help us with the funding we need? What can we do to restore our lives?

Please help us and provide guidance. Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]

[ADDRESS]

{CITY, STATE, ZIP}