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In an effort to keep you updated, I wanted to take this opportunity update you on federal action to protect our Great Lakes.

Like you, I know that Asian Carp pose a major threat to the health and viability of the Great Lakes. The Asian Carp could seriously disrupt fish populations in the Great Lakes and their major tributaries and severely damage the Great Lakes sport fishing industry, valued at \$7 billion on the U.S. side alone. In addition, the presence of Asian Carp could result in injuries to boaters and other waterways users because of the natural behavior of carp to jump from water when they are disturbed by water craft.

You will be pleased to learn that I am an original co-sponsor of H.R. 4472, the Carp Act. Introduced by Representative Dave Camp on January 20, 2010, this legislation instructs the Army Corp of Engineers to:

- Immediately close the currently constructed barriers and lockes that have access to the Great Lakes.
- Immediately install interim barriers in rivers where no barriers exist.
- Enhance existing barriers and monitoring systems.
- Study and implement initiatives to mitigate the commercial and flood water impact on the Chicago area.

Please know that I consider the Great Lakes to be the crown jewel of our region and I will continue to protect the lakes to ensure that future generations can enjoy the Great Lakes.

Again, I appreciate the opportunity to contact you. You can follow my efforts online at [mikerogers.house.gov](http://mikerogers.house.gov) or on [YouTube](#) (RepMikeRogers) and [Facebook](#) (Mike J. Rogers). Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Mike Rogers  
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