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June 18, 2018

Mr. Greg Sheehan
Acting Director
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Mr. Sheehan:

Since their introduction in the 1970s as a parasite and weed control measure for aquatic farms, four invasive fish species collectively known as “Asian carp” have spread throughout the Mississippi River basin and other United States waterways.¹ In Kentucky, Asian carp infested the major rivers and their tributaries, as well as several popular lakes and reservoirs.² Their potential proliferation in the Great Lakes generates serious concern as well.³

Asian carp displace native fish species, disturb ecosystems, alter shoreline vegetation, and consume endangered snails and mussels.⁴ Additionally, overwhelming numbers of carp in popular bodies of water threaten tourism in nearby communities, jeopardize important fisheries, and damage boating equipment.⁵

Please contact Christen Harsha of the Committee’s Majority staff at (202) 225-5074 no later than June 22, 2018, to schedule a briefing for the Committee on these matters. Such a briefing should include current federal initiatives and funding to control Asian carp populations, efforts to collaborate with affected states, and alternative solutions under consideration by federal agencies.

¹ NAT’L PARK SERV., *Asian Carp Overview* (last updated Apr. 10, 2015), <https://www.nps.gov/miss/learn/nature/ascarpover.htm>.

² KY. DEP’T OF FISH AND WILDLIFE RES., *Asian Carp Information*, <https://fw.ky.gov/Fish/Pages/Asian-Carp-Information.aspx>. (last visited Jun. 13, 2018).

³ NAT’L PARK SERV., *supra* note 1.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*; Tom Latek, *Asian Carp Infestations Causing Problems in Kentucky Waters*, KENTUCKY TODAY, Nov. 16, 2017, <http://kentuckytoday.com/stories/asian-carp-infestations-causing-problems-in-kentucky-waters,10365>.

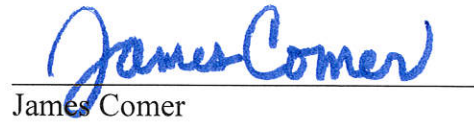
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Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Greg Gianforte
Chairman
Subcommittee on the Interior,
Energy, and Environment



James Comer



Paul Mitchell

cc: The Honorable Stacey E. Plaskett, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on the Interior, Energy, and Environment

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Counsel submitting: _____

Bar number: _____ **State/District of admission:** _____

Attorney for: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ - _____

Pursuant to Rule 16 of the Committee Rules, notice is hereby given of the entry of the undersigned as counsel for _____ in (select one):

All matters before the Committee

The following matters (describe the scope of representation):

All further notice and copies of papers and other material relevant to this action should be directed to and served upon:

Attorney's name: _____

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Complete Mailing Address: _____

I agree to notify the Committee within 1 business day of any change in representation.

Signature of Attorney

Date