Dear Representative Rarick,

As President of the Pulaski Lake Improvement District, I am writing to
you concerning Governor Walz’s recent recommendation to cut the
Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Aid in half.

Prevention is far more efficient and cost-effective than addressing
the problem after it has taken hold.  We need funds not only for
educational outreach and greeter programs to prevent infestations, but
also to manage and control existing infestations so AIS is not carried
from those lakes to non-infested lakes. Now more than ever we need
funding for AIS prevention and control to increase – not decrease!

The AIS Prevention Aid has been instrumental in our concerted efforts
to safeguard our public waters from invasive species. The Pulaski Lake
Improvement District has dedicated a substantial amount of time,
resources, and money to help prevent additional invasive species from
entering Pulaski Lake.  Cutting this funding would significantly
impede our ability to maintain the health and safety of these precious
natural resources that everyone can enjoy.

I urge you to oppose the proposed cut to the AIS Prevention Aid.
Maintaining this funding is critical to our ongoing efforts to prevent
the spread of invasive species and to protect the public waters that
are so vital to our community.
Your support in preserving the full amount of the AIS Prevention Aid
is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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