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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