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Tribal Council, Legislative Branch
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February 23, 2010

Michigan Congressional Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: SB 2946 and HB 4472

Dear Michigan Congressional Member:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Declaration 022110-001 signed by Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Tribal Council Members regarding the invasion of Asian Carp in the Great Lakes.

Please support the passage of Senate Bill 2946 and House Bill 4472 to protect our environment and our shared natural resources. We appreciate your time and effort in addressing this very important issue.

Please let us know if you need any additional information in regards to this matter.

Respectfully,



Donna L. Budnick
Legislative Services Attorney

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

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DECLARATION 022110-001

Support for the **SENATE BILL 2946** and **HOUSE BILL 4472**

A Declaration is a formal written public statement in support or opposition of an issue or matter. One or more Tribal Councilors may sign onto a Declaration as individual Councilors. A Declaration shall not obligate or commit the Tribal Council in any manner. Declarations do not require formal action by the Tribal Council.

The Waganakising Odawak is a nation of citizens with inherent sovereignty and right to self-governance; and

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe under Public Law 103-324, and is a party to numerous Treaties with the United States the most recent of which being the Treaty of Washington of March 28, 1836 (7 Stat. 491) and the Treaty of Detroit of 1855 (11 Stat. 621); and

In accordance with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Constitution:

“ IN THE WAYS OF OUR ANCESTORS, to perpetuate our way of life for future generations, we the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, called in our own language the WAGANAKISING ODAWAK, a sovereign, self-governing people who follow the Anishinaabe Traditions, Heritage, and Cultural Values, set forth within this Constitution the foundation of our governance.

We will work together in a constructive, cooperative spirit to preserve and protect our lands resources and Treaty Rights, ... In keeping faith with our Ancestors, we shall preserve our Heritage while adapting to the present world around us... ” and

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Government and staff have been active in work to protect the environment for both our present citizens and coming generations through approval and implementation of a body of tribal laws and

regulations; by the approval and signing, with other Tribal governments and the State of Michigan, of intergovernmental accords regarding shared water resources and climate change issues; and by the approval and signing of the United League of Indigenous Nations Treaty in November of 2007; and

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians urges the Secretary of the Army to take action with respect to the Chicago waterway system to prevent the migration of bighead and silver carps (aka Asian Carp) into Lake Michigan.

The undersigned Tribal Councilors declare that they understand the sacred relationship between the Tribes and the lands and waters of their Ancestors and urge the passage of S. 2946 and H.R. 4472 in support of protecting the Great Lakes from the invasion of Asian Carp.

MARVIN MULHOLLAND
Tribal Councilor Marvin Mulholland

Date: 2/21/10

Belinda Bardwell
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Julie Shananaquet
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Rev. Shanangyal

Date: 02-21-10

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KITA SHANANGYAL

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Date: 02-21-10

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AARON OTTO

Regina Gasco Bentley

Date: 2-21-10

Tribal Councilor REGINA GASCO BENTLEY

A copy of this Declaration is on file at the Tribal Council Legislative Office.