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Legislators Urge Van Hollen to Take Further Steps to Prevent Asian Carp from Entering Great Lakes

MADISON – In light of the United States Supreme Court’s dismissal of the action to close the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal to prevent the Asian Carp from entering Lake Michigan, Representative Jon Richards (D-Milwaukee) and Representative Garey Bies (R-Sister Bay) called on Wisconsin Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen to bring or join a new lawsuit to seek an injunction against the operators of the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal to close it. Last month, the State Assembly voted unanimously to give Attorney General Van Hollen the authority to take every possible legal step to prevent the Asian Carp from spreading into the Great Lakes.

“The Supreme Court dealt the Great Lakes a setback today, but this can not be the end of the story,” Richards said. “Other legal options are available to stop the Asian Carp and Wisconsin needs to use every one of them until we can stop Asian Carp from entering Lake Michigan. We gave our Attorney General all the authority he needs to take aggressive action to protect our lakes and we ask him to take the lead in taking the next legal steps to halt the spread of Asian Carp.”

“This cannot wait,” said Bies. “We need to figure out what the next step is and move forward now. If these fish get into Lake Michigan it will be an environmental and financial disaster for the entire Great Lakes watershed.”

Richards and Bies are circulating a letter amongst their colleagues urging Van Hollen to take action.

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