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Jennifer Mull Neuhaus
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Dear Chair Neuhaus,

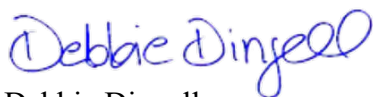
This letter is regarding the City of Ypsilanti's application for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's National Coastal Resilience Fund 2024 Request for Proposals. The City of Ypsilanti, which is located within my district, plans to use the grant funding for the removal of the Peninsular Paper Dam from the Huron River located within the city.

The Peninsular Paper Dam was constructed in 1867 to provide electrical and mechanical power to the Peninsular Paper Company's paper mill. However, the dam no longer generates power and has been deemed high-hazard and in poor condition. The City of Ypsilanti hopes to remove the Peninsular dam to restore the waterway and improve the health of the river and its fish habitats.

As Co-Chair of the Greatlakes Task Force, protecting the environment for future generations remains a top priority. It's also essential we continue bringing people together to support Michigan's families and the economy. Tourism and recreation are essential economic drivers in Michigan, and removing an obsolete dam like Peninsular Paper Dam will open new opportunities for residents to recreate while restoring the natural environment and making Ypsilanti more resilient to climate change.

As the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's National Coastal Resilience Fund 2024 Request for Proposals utilizes federal funds, I respectfully request that this grant application be given full and fair consideration consistent with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. If you have any further questions, please contact me or my staff.

Sincerely,



Debbie Dingell
Member of Congress