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Gentleman,

Please do not take any action that will raise the level of Lake Michigan water. Our home is located on Lake Michigan's eastern shore. Because of the high lake levels in 1997 we lost the lower section of our steps down to the beach and the lake levels threatened our home site. In addition 1997 higher lake levels caused erosion with the wave action bringing down a substantial amount of sand dunes, a number of large trees and other beach side vegetation. It was a very stressful time in our lives and we were prepared to install a sea wall in 1998 to protect the remaining dunes and our improvements if the lake levels had continued to raise from the 97 levels, fortunately this was not necessary.

Since 1999 the lake levels have gone up and down and have not threatened our home. This has given us great peace of mind, not having to fear the next storm and what damage it may bring.

We ask only that you let nature take its course, let the winds blow and the waters flow naturally, without human intervention. Engineering to alter the natural course of events, although well meaning, usually results in negative unintended consequences.

Please consider this request as I'm sure I speak for many if not all home owners on the eastern shore of Lake Michigan. I cannot emphasize enough the stress of living on the edge and this is what will happen too many of us if you take action that will cause the Lake Michigan water level to rise higher.

Regards,

Jessie and Ronald Dalman
4056 Spring Beauty Lane
Holland, Michigan 49423

Handwritten signature of Ronald L. Dalman and Jessie Dalman. The signature is written in cursive and consists of two lines: "Ronald L. Dalman" on the top line and "Jessie Dalman" on the bottom line.