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**Sent:** Thursday, November 29, 2012 1:21 PM  
**To:** RICHARD KARL; DeLong, Michelle (DEQ)  
**Subject:** Re-dredging Kalamazoo Rive

I am writing you today because I heard that you were requiring Enbridge to re-dredge which will close down the Kalamazoo River another year. I live in the delta basin in Galesburg and you just approved a new wall on our property. When we discussed starting construction, I asked about the timing and was told the river being opened was a good sign the cleanup was completed. We have just completed construction and I hear that the river is being closed again for re-dredging.

I hope you reconsider. Our wildlife is coming back and I am seeing fowl that I haven't seen for years. I also saw a Great Egret, which I have never seen before on the river. He was fishing and looked very healthy. My brother, who lives in Indiana, was just here for the holidays and caught a carp, bass and pike which were all healthy. He also made the remark that this is the cleanest he has ever seen the river. Our family has lived here for over 30 years and I have to agree with my brother, the river is the cleanest I have ever seen it. I am at wits end! Enbridge has done everything they promised and have gone out of their way to try to comply. I believe closing the river and re-dredging will upset a great deal. The sludge/sheen in the river has seemed to have dissipated and I am afraid the activity will impact the environment more than letting it be, to heal itself. Please take into consideration the non oil impact to our river before you make the decision to destroy already healed areas.

What about my new wall. If dredging begins again and there is disruption the sedentary areas on a large scale, it will undo and re-contaminate areas that have been thoroughly cleaned. Isn't there a way to clean these areas without a mass confusion of activity to the river and spreading any contaminates? Please take this into consideration when making your decision to close the river.

I want even go on about our property values if this happens.

Thank you,

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