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The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
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Dear President Trump,

As you may be aware, freshwater communities across the country are combatting the threat of Asian silver carp, an invasive species that has devastating effects on native aquatic systems. Since taking office, you have displayed excellent leadership as we have faced domestic challenges. I appreciate all you have done so far, and I hope to bring this ecological issue to your attention.

Please find enclosed a letter from Dr. Timothy Joseph, biologist and chairman of the Watts Bar Ecology and Fisheries Council. Dr. Joseph has been in contact with my constituents who live in freshwater communities in East Tennessee, and I have received numerous messages from these individuals detailing their concern for the carp's impact on both the health of the river and its economic output. At the request of these constituents, I met with Dr. Joseph to discuss options to preserve our aquatic ecosystems.

It is my hope that you and your staff will review Dr. Joseph's letter. I realize that you have many responsibilities and limited time, and I appreciate your attention to this information. Again, thank you for your leadership and for all that you do for our nation.

Sincerely,



Tim Burchett  
Member of Congress

Enclosure: Letter from Dr. Timothy Joseph regarding Asian carp in Tennessee