

I am a resident of Tellico Village and am writing to implore you to act on the Asian Carp catastrophe.

We are all aware that if left unchecked, the Asian Carp infestation will lead to complete and utter devastation of our beautiful lakes and completely destroy home values, businesses and economic growth that the TVA and your predecessors worked so hard to build up over the past 40+ years. We need to install electric barriers at the locks immediately. The research has been done, the threat is real, and we need to act. It's our only viable chance to save these lakes; like activity already implemented and still ongoing to save the Great Lakes from similar devastation.

The \$10MM cost per lock plus the economic impact of temporarily closing these locks to build the electric barriers is miniscule in comparison to the estimated \$1B+/year economic impact if these carp are enabled to infest our lakes. The ecological impact will also be devastating and irreversible.

We are asking that you, the leaders of this great state of Tennessee, work together to minimize the ecological and economic damage caused by these carp. Time is not on our side.

Thank you for your time and sense of urgency,