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The Hon. Dustin Duncan
Minister of Environment
Room 348, 2405 Legislative Drive
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Dear Minister Duncan,

I am sure that you are aware that LAKE DIEFENBAKER should be the first line of defence in your plans to prevent an infestation of zebra and quagga mussels because, if this lake were infected, it would affect the following:

- The drinking water for more than 50% of the Province's residents
- Almost 20% of the Province's clean hydro power generation
- The majority of the agricultural irrigators in the Province
- Recreational users; not only on Lake Diefenbaker but also Buffalo Pound Lake, Last Mountain Lake and the Qu'Appelle Lakes which lie downstream

In the summer of 2017, an infected boat was intercepted at Lake Diefenbaker and only by chance was the boat discovered and decontaminated, and our lake was protected.

Current legislation indicates the fine for non-compliance on draining, cleaning and drying watercraft is \$500.00.

YOUR COMMUNITY NAME HERE would like to recommend that the Province of Saskatchewan immediately adopt legislation to match that of the Province of Alberta – namely that any watercraft travelling through our province must have the plug removed and must produce an Inspection Certificate on demand, and further that the penalty for non-compliance in draining, cleaning and drying watercraft matches the Alberta legislation where the fine is \$100,000.00 and the watercraft is confiscated for a minimum of 30 days.

Yours sincerely,

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