National Environmental Coalition on Invasive Species

Center for Food Safety, Ecological Society of America Great Lakes United, Healing Our Waters/Great Lakes Coalition National Parks Conservation Association, National Wildlife Federation The Nature Conservancy

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To Whom It May Concern,

The above-listed member groups in the National Environmental Coalition on Invasive Species (NECIS) endorse and support HR 1823, the Protecting Lakes Against Quaggas Act of 2013. The bill would amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation or exportation of harmful quagga mussels.

This is consistent with the NECIS mission, which is promoting policies to prevent harmful nonnative invasive species from being introduced, becoming established and spreading in the United States.*

^{*} For further information see the coalition website, www.necis.net, and contact the NECIS policy lead on injurious animals: Peter T. Jenkins, Center for Invasive Species Prevention, Washington, DC tel: 301.500.4383; email: jenkinsbiopolicy@gmail.com.