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Appropriations Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations
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Dear Chairmen, Vice Chairman, and Ranking Member,

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INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES

Great Lakes Fishery Commission – Great Lakes Region \$23,000,000

The Great Lakes fisheries are worth over \$7 billion to our region, and under the Convention on Great Lakes Fisheries, the Great Lakes Fishery Commission is responsible for maximizing the sustained productivity of fish stocks in the region. The Commission's work in controlling sea lamprey is often cited as the single most effective program contributing to the recovery of the Great Lakes fisheries.

The proposed funding for the Commission would principally fund non-chemical alternative control of sea lamprey, as well as the assessment and treatment of lake larval lamprey populations with lampricide. Controlling sea lamprey is one of the requirements of the 2000 consent decree issued under *U.S. v. Michigan* in order to preserve tribal fishing rights. The proposed funding would also allow the Commission to coordinate fisheries research between the U.S. and Canada as called for under the treaty.

EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE

**Siena Heights University Center of International/Intercultural Affairs (CIIA) – Adrian, MI
\$2,000,000**

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We certify that neither we nor our immediate family has a pecuniary interest in any of the congressionally directed spending item(s) that we have requested for the Fiscal Year 2010 State and Foreign Operations Appropriations bill, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

We further certify that we have posted a description of the items requested on our official websites, along with the accompanying justification.

We appreciate the subcommittee's consideration of our requests. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Kuiken of Senator Levin's staff at 202-224-6221 or Patty Readinger of Senator Stabenow's staff at 202-224-4822.

Sincerely,



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- *Whether or not similar language in support of the project or activity was included in the Committee report or Conference report in the past and in which fiscal year(s).*
 - No
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- *The relationship, if any, between the project or activity and the applicable country, region, or sector strategy of the Federal agency or department from which funding is being requested. (Note: such strategies can be found on agency and department websites.)*
 - The U.S. Department of State's Office of Global Educational Programs promotes U.S. higher education abroad, supports research and academic exchange trends, and offers professional development opportunities for educational advisers. Siena Heights University is confident its Center of International and Intercultural Affairs is consistent with the mission and goals of the U.S. Department of State's Office of Global Educational Programs.

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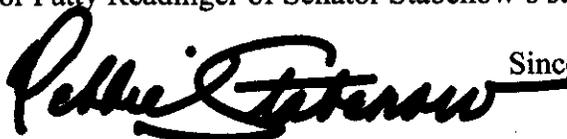
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