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VOICES FOR LAKE OAHE PO Box 482 Linton, ND 58552 Dear members of the Senate Appropriations' Education & Environment Division,

On behalf of the North Dakota Sportfishing Congress, I am asking for you to support strong funding for inspection and enforcement activities related to preventing the spread of aquatic nuisance species (ANS) in SB 2017.

The threat of ANS, particularly zebra mussels, is real and would impact recreational opportunities in North Dakota as well as the drinking water and irrigation water supply for many North Dakotans. Zebra mussels, and many other ANS, are spread through contaminated boats, ramps, intakes, or other objects that are moved from an infested body of water to one that is not. It only takes one contaminated object to infest a body of water. That's why inspection and enforcement is a necessity to halting the spread of ANS.

Inspection and enforcement activities are conducted by the ND Game and Fish Department. Their current funding for these activities is not adequate to addressing the problem. Please consider additional funding for ANS inspection and enforcement as you work on SB 2017.

Thank you,

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