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NORTHWEST PENNSYLVANIA SPORTSMEN'S COALITION

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Dear Rear Admiral Crowley,

Please be advised that our organization, the Northwest Pennsylvania Sportsmen's Coalition, which represents over 4000 members is totally opposed to your plans to create a live fire weapons training zone in Lake Erie. Not only does this create a safety issue and interrupt a prime site for fishing and recreation, but also threatens the environment by depositing an estimated 7000 pounds of lead into the lake.

We are not doubting your commitment to protect the country and the communities around the Great Lakes, but we strongly feel there are alternative methods of machine gun training that do not include gunfire over the open waters of our lake.

I'm sure existing military training facilities throughout the region can be utilized to advance your objectives and eliminate the need for live fire exercises on the water.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J.T. Davis III".

J.T. Davis III
Vice President, NPSC