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C. Tanner Girard
Acting Chairman
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Dear Chairman Girard,

I fully support the efforts of Friends of the Chicago River and the Illinois EPA to make the Chicago River and its branches cleaner.

1.2 billion gallons of effluent are discharged into Chicago waterways every day, affecting residents who live near these waterways, and the rowers, fishermen, beachgoers, canoers and kayakers who use them for recreation.

There are substantive proposals from the Friends of the Chicago River that would help to alleviate this problem, including the completion of the Tunnel and Reservoir Project, stormwater management using green technologies, and the disinfection of wastewater effluent. I strongly advocate the implementation of these proposals by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 773-925-6580.

Very sincerely,

Esther Golar
State Representative, 6th District