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Yesterday (April 18, 2018) afternoon a Senate staffer texted me, "VIDA (Vessel Incidental Discharge Act) cloture vote failed."

You and I and over 1,400 others flooded the United States Senate offices with over 1400 emails in 23 States and countless phone calls in less than 24 hours asking them not to support proposed changes to the ballast water rules for cargo ships on the Great Lakes.

Our voices were heard. For now the current ballast water rules that have protected the Great Lakes from new Aquatic Invasive Species since 2006 will remain in place - VIDA failed.