To the House of Commons.

The Petition of the constituents of Macclesfield and other users of Britain's inland waterways,

Declares that our inland waterways are a unique national asset that provide an important contribution to the quality of life for millions of our citizens. We therefore are deeply concerned that the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has seen fit to reduce British Waterways' grant by some £60 million over the next 5 years and that of the Environment Agency by £25 million in this financial year. We believe that these cuts will have a devastating effect upon the well-being of inland waterways.

The Petitioners therefore request that the House of Commons call upon the Government to introduce legislation to solve the immediate problems caused by these cuts to current budgets and to ensure that long-term funding is guaranteed to enable continued investment and restoration of the waterways.

And the Petitions remain, etc.,

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Please return completed Petition forms by March 5th 2007 to Save Our Waterways, PO Box 7301, Burton On Trent, DE14 9DQ