



Healing Our Waters®-Great Lakes Coalition

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The Honorable Bill Shuster, Chairman
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Peter DeFazio, Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Bob Gibbs, Chairman
Subcommittee on Water Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Grace Napolitano, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Water Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives Shuster, DeFazio, Gibbs, and Napolitano:

On behalf of the Healing Our Waters-Great Lakes Coalition, I write to thank you for your support of H.R. 223, the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2015. This legislation is vital in the ongoing effort to restore the Great Lakes, which supply drinking water to more than 40 million people.

As was said at yesterday's markup, the Great Lakes are an invaluable resource. The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act helps protect these amazing bodies of water by formally authorizing the popular Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI), which is producing outstanding and immeasurable results. The GLRI is a successful, bipartisan effort to protect and restore one-fifth of the world's surface fresh water. It is an innovative, action-oriented, coordinated approach targeting the region's biggest environmental problems like invasive species, legacy contaminants, habitat loss, and polluted runoff from farms and cities.

Thank you so much for helping to ensure another five years of successful restoration of the Great Lakes. Please do not hesitate to let us know how we can help as you prepare for this bill to be brought up on the House floor by having your staff contact Chad Lord, our coalition's policy director, at (202) 454-3385 or clord@npca.org.

Sincerely,

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