



Healing Our Waters-Great Lakes Coalition

September 28, 2016

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Healing Our Waters-Great Lakes Coalition's over 140 member organizations, I ask you to support the Joyce amendment and the Kildee/Moolenaar amendment during today's debate on the Water Resources Development Act.

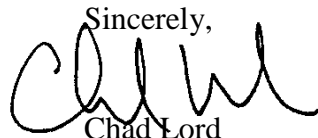
Mr. Joyce's amendment supports the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI). Based on his bill (H.R. 223), the Joyce amendment helps achieve our nation's Great Lakes restoration goals by formally authorizing the popular GLRI, a successful, innovative, action-oriented and collaborative approach to protecting and restoring one-fifth of the world's surface fresh water.

A similar provision was added to the Senate's WRDA bill that overwhelmingly passed this month. Including this amendment in the House bill is a vote of confidence for the results we're seeing in the Great Lakes region and is a strong statement of support for the House's hard, thoughtful work, which led to passing H.R. 223 by voice vote earlier this year.

I also urge you to vote for the Kildee/Moolenaar amendment, which would provide much needed assistance to Flint, Michigan. Flint is still reeling with problems caused by their lead-contaminated drinking water. The people of Flint have waited long enough for our nation to stand up and help this community recover from being unable to drink their polluted water.

Over thirty million people rely on the Great Lakes for their drinking water, recreation and livelihood. Passing these provisions before the end of the year assists the Great Lakes region in our ongoing work to protect and restore the Great Lakes.

Thank you for considering our request. Please contact me at (202) 454-3385 or clord@npca.org with questions.

Sincerely,

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Policy Director