

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your recent commitment to the preservation and restoration of the Great Lakes region through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI). The Great Lakes are one of our nation's greatest natural resources and their ecological and economic health is directly tied to our identity and quality of life in Michigan.

The Great Lakes basin is home to more than 30 million people, contains approximately 90 percent of the United States (U.S.) supply of fresh surface water, and provides drinking water for more than 48 million people. More than 1.5 million jobs are directly connected to the Great Lakes, generating over \$60 billion in wages annually.

For Michiganders, the Great Lakes provide jobs for over 800,000 residents, support a \$4 billion fishing industry, and serves as the foundation for a \$12.8 billion travel industry.

Since 2010, the GLRI has a proven record of success – accelerating the clean-up of toxic hotspots, preventing the spread of invasive species, curbing the growth of harmful algal blooms, and promoting the overall well-being of the Great Lakes. A recent study found that every dollar spent under the GLRI will generate more than three dollars in additional economic activity over the next two decades.

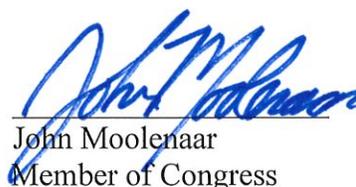
Additionally, we also write to thank you for reaffirming your support for the construction of a new Soo Lock in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. As you know, the Soo Locks are a critically important piece of our nation's infrastructure, economy, and national security. Thanks in large part to the efforts and funding provided by your administration, the construction of a new lock is now a reality.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your administration to promote and pursue bipartisan solutions to the issues that are most pressing to Michigan and to the Great Lakes region.

Sincerely,



Bill Huizenga
Member of Congress



John Moolenaar
Member of Congress



Jack Bergman
Member of Congress