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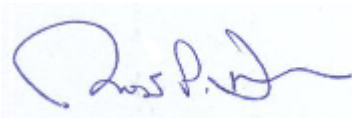
Dear Members of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Water Resources Regional Body:

As you know, a Conservation Committee of State and Provincial representatives has been working through the Council of Great Lakes Governors' Great Lakes Water Conservation and Efficiency Initiative to draft recommendations for basin-water conservation and efficiency objectives. These recommendations are intended to assist the Regional Body as it formally adopts basin-wide water conservation and efficiency objectives pursuant to Article 304 of the Great Lakes—St. Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement.

We are pleased to submit for your consideration the Conservation Committee's attached recommendations. These recommendations are the result of numerous meetings and discussions and reflect the consideration of comments received throughout the course of the Committee's deliberations. In drafting the proposed regional objectives, the Committee sought the input of an Advisory Panel of regional stakeholders and consulted with Great Lakes Tribes and First Nations. Additionally, the Committee took under consideration the many comments received during a sixty-day public comment period that was held from March 15, 2007 – June 8, 2007.

We would be pleased to provide a briefing of the Committee's work at the next Regional Body meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact Lisa Wojnarowski, Program Manager at the Council of Great Lakes Governors, or to contact us directly, if there are questions.

Sincerely,



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