



*THE NORTHEAST-MIDWEST CONGRESSIONAL COALITION*  
**GREAT LAKES TASK FORCE**

July 16, 2008

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Dear Great Lakes Governors:

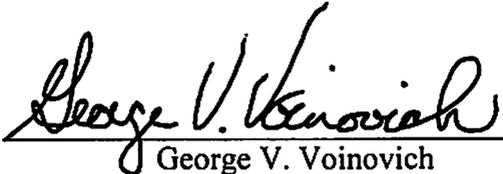
We greatly applaud your leadership and the efforts of your State Legislatures in completing an historic process to protect Great Lakes waters by signing the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact (the Compact). Your commitment to protecting the Great Lakes wins our deepest appreciation, and we will continue to push for ratification of the Compact at the federal level.

As you know, the Compact will ensure sustainable use of Great Lakes waters by banning new or increased diversions outside of the Great Lakes Basin. Because the Great Lakes are so intricately tied to the region's economy and house a diversity of species, ecosystems and natural resources, protecting the Great Lakes from future water withdrawals will ensure the sustainability of this precious resource for future generations.

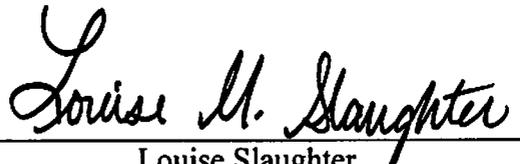
We congratulate you on enacting the Compact in all eight Great Lakes States. Recognizing this accomplishment, please know we will support and continue to push for final

ratification of the Compact in Congress. We hope to carry on your leadership, and look forward to working with you to win final federal approval of the Compact.

Sincerely,

  
George V. Voinovich  
United States Senator

  
Carl Levin  
United States Senator

  
Louise M. Slaughter  
Member of Congress

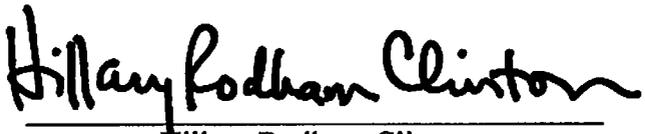
  
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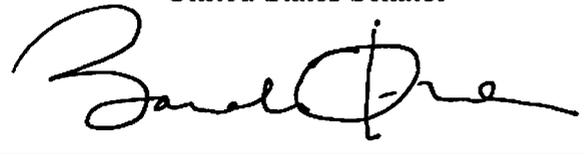
  
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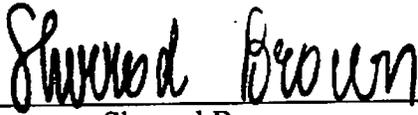
  
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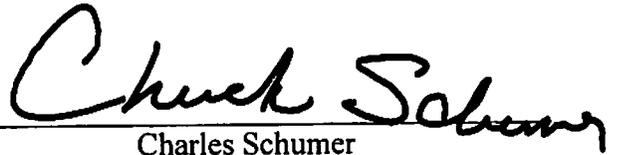
  
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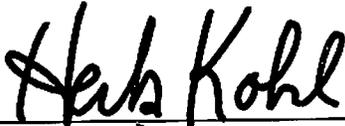
  
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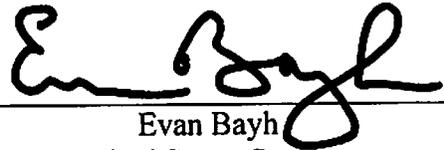
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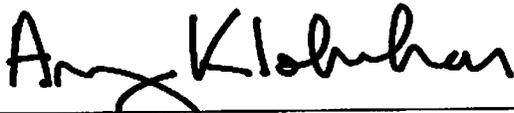
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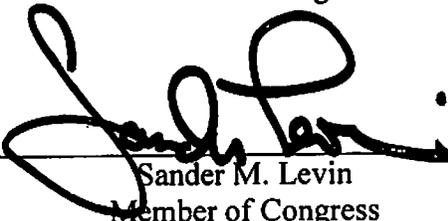
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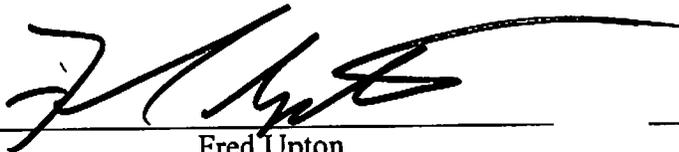
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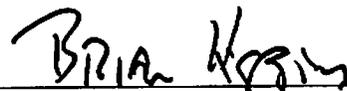
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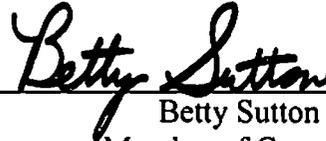


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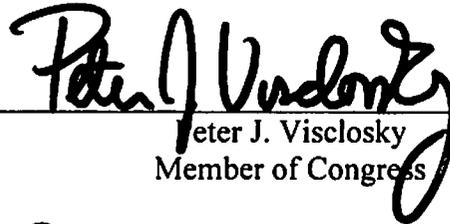
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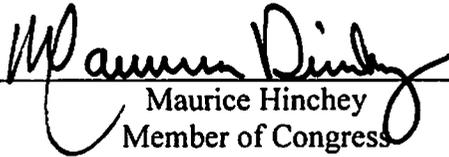
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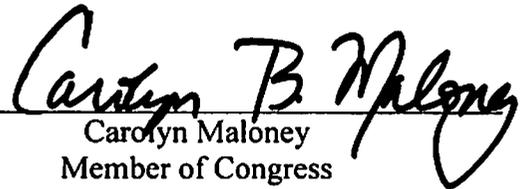
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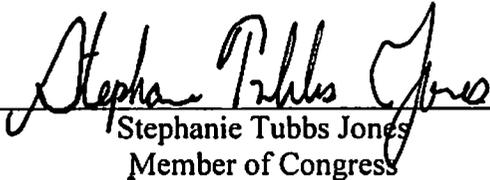
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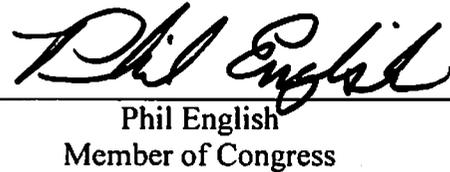
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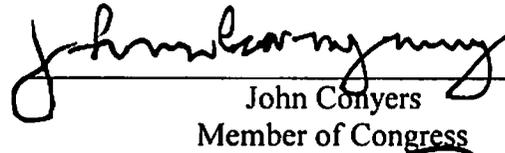
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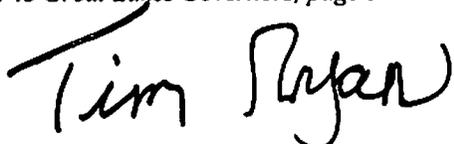
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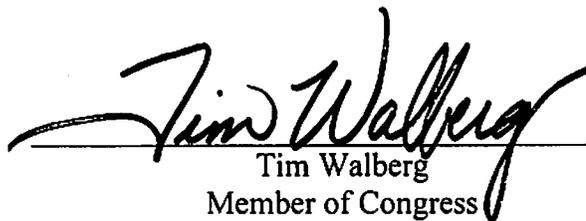


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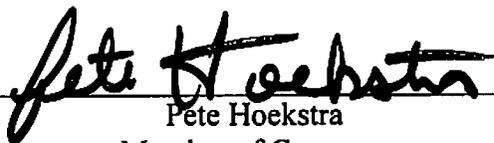
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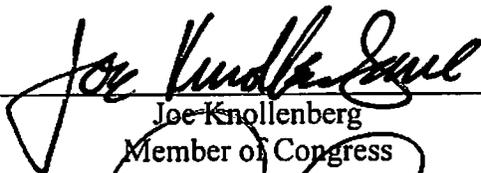
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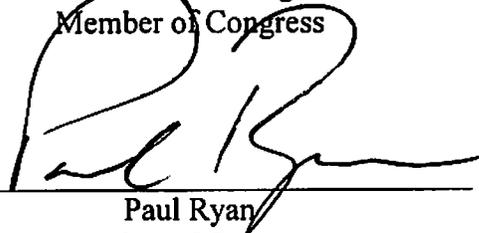
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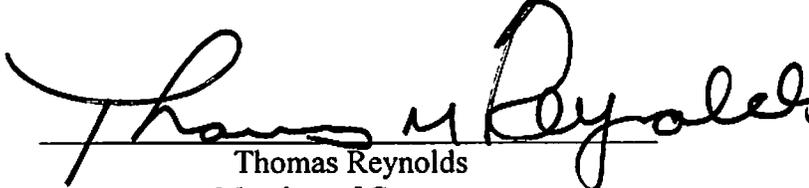
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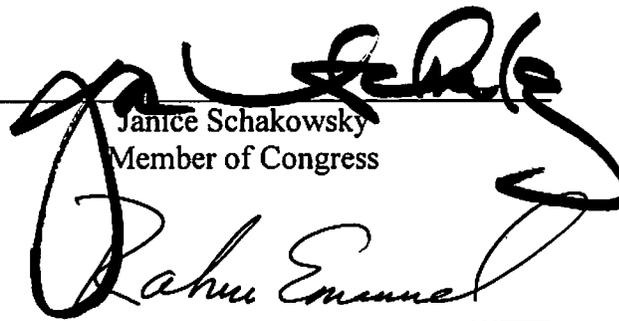
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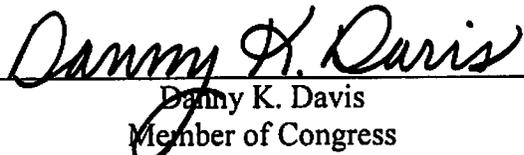
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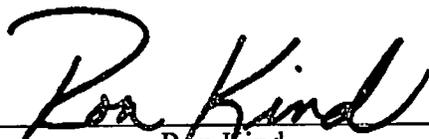
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