

**GREAT LAKES UNITED**

March 21, 1989

The Honourable Jim Bradley
Minister of the Environment
Ministry of the Environment
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Dear Mr. Bradley:

Re: 1989 Annual General Meeting-Great Lakes United

This year Great Lakes United (GLU) will once again be holding its annual meeting in Ontario. The meeting on the weekend of May 5, 6, and 7, will be held in Owen Sound. Georgian College has generously donated their facilities and is sponsoring our Saturday night banquet for this three day meeting. As you know Georgian College now trains all of the navigators and pilots of Great Lakes vessels. The college is currently seeking to expand their programmes to include courses on spills response and training in your ministry's Municipal Industrial Strategy for Abatement. In fact, our annual meeting is following the college's official opening of their new wing. We would like to invite you to take part in two parts of our Saturday night programme. We would like you to present a Great Lakes United commemorative plaque to Georgian College thanking them for their new initiatives in Great Lakes environmental protection. The presentation will be made at our awards banquet on the evening of Saturday, May 6, when we would ask you to make some brief remarks commending the college's new ventures.

Following that banquet we were hoping to lighten the end of the long day's full programme (attached) with a performance of a portion of the Portable Theatre's "Message in a Bottle" play. Howard Jerome, their Artistic Director, has said that your ministry has previously sponsored their performances in schools and at other public events. We would like to request that your ministry sponsor this performance. I have spoken to Sarah Rang in your office who encouraged us to contact you with this request.

This year we have decided to focus our issue discussions on the citizens active in groups working on Great Lakes environmental concerns. As a result, we have more travel and accommodation costs to reimburse from our budget. To offset these expenses we are seeking outside sponsorship of portions of our program where we can.

As you know, GLU has been seeking a new Executive Director for the past several months. You will be pleased to know that we have hired Phil Weller of Waterloo, Ontario, for this position. Phil began work in our Buffalo office on March 20. As well, GLU has just received a grant from the Laidlaw Foundation to assist us in our efforts to set up an office in Windsor, Ontario, in the next year. We are encouraged by these developments which will allow us to increase our work in Canada in the next year.

Please ask your appointment secretary to contact me at CELA (416) 977-2410, or Phil Weller in Buffalo (716) 886-0142, if you are available to participate in our Annual Meeting Awards Banquet on May 6. We appreciate your consideration of these requests.

Yours truly,

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