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GREAT LAKES UNITED

Governor John Engler
State Capitol
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Governor Engler:

Allow me to congratulate you on behalf of the membership of Great Lakes United for your courageous and correct position regarding the Lowell Diversion. Your action has firmly established a precedent for consensus decision-making concerning the use of our basin's most valuable resource. We also want to commend your advisor Dennis Schornack for his effort and support in this issue, including his beneficial communication with us and other members of the environmental community during the evaluation of the diversion proposal. This issue has been a challenging one for all of us, and your decision helped prevent the dangerous precedent which we are certain would have resulted.

I am sure you are aware that in response to the diversion decision two bills have been introduced in congress to weaken the federal Water Resources Development Act of 1986. We hope you will be as firm in opposing these attempts as you have been in opposing a permanent diversion by Lowell.

The Lowell diversion, as well as the Kenosha and Pleasant Prairie diversions, point up the need to devise a rational, systematic approach to the whole issue of Great Lakes water demands. This is why we urge you to continue to push for development of a Basin-wide Water Use and Conservation Plan to effectively address this issue in the long term. We request that you arrange to have it brought up at an appropriately-timed Council of Great Lakes Governors meeting.

We appreciate your May 8 letter acknowledging our support for your strong position on this issue. GLU looks forward to working with you and representatives of the other major jurisdictions on the lakes. GLU's decade-long, binational experience can be of service in our common goal - a more healthful and prosperous regional environment and economy.

Sincerely,

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