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TO: GLU Board
FROM: Philip Weller
DATE: March 27, 1992
RE: GLU Environmental Justice
Activities

Attached to this memo you will find a background paper on environmental justice issues which we commissioned from Dave Hahn-Baker, an environmental consultant in Buffalo. For the past few years, Dave has been working with the National Wildlife Federation and other groups on developing stronger connections between environmental organizations and minority communities. We asked Dave to prepared background paper which would describe what we could do to link our activities more closely with minority communities. The paper lays out some options for us to pursue and provides important background on the issue. We will be discussing this issue Sunday morning at the board meeting and the information in this memo should provide us with the background we need.

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David Hahn-Baker is the President of Inside/Out Political Consultants, a national environmental consulting firm based in Buffalo. Before moving to Buffalo in 1989, Mr. Hahn-Baker worked in Washington during the 1980's for Friends of the Earth, as their political director, the League of Women Voters as their environmental lobbyist and the National Clean Air Coalition as a grassroots organizer.

He has spent 50 percent of his time over the past two years working for the National Wildlife Federation on projects involving environmental justice, organizational planning and development and activist training. He also currently works closely with the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, a national civil rights group, with whom he developed an environmental justice program which recently received a \$100,000 grant from the Rockefeller Foundation.

He is quite familiar with GLU through interactions on local projects in Buffalo. He is also familiar with the region through his residence in Buffalo, growing up in Chicago and recently completing a mini-course on environmental advocacy in the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources.