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**EXAMPLE LETTER
IDENTICAL, INDIVIDUALLY ADDRESSED LETTERS SENT TO EACH
DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE***

JIM DOYLE
CHAIR
Governor of Wisconsin

The Honorable Rudy Giuliani
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ROD BLAGOJEVICH
Governor of Illinois

Dear Mayor Giuliani:

MITCH DANIELS
Governor of Indiana

On behalf of the Governors of the eight Great Lakes States, we have been working aggressively over the past several years to protect, preserve and restore our nation's water belt—the Great Lakes States. It is critical for the next Presidential candidate to share our vision of the Great Lakes as a national treasure.

JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM
Governor of Michigan

TIM PAWLENTY
Governor of Minnesota

The Great Lakes constitute the largest surface freshwater system in the world. More than 35 million Americans receive the benefits of drinking water, food, a place to work and live, recreational opportunities and transportation from the Great Lakes. Our national economy depends on the Great Lakes. Nearly 30% of our nation's gross domestic product is produced by the Great Lakes States, which includes approximately 60% of all U.S. manufacturing.

ED RENDELL
Governor of Pennsylvania

ELIOT SPITZER
Governor of New York

TED STRICKLAND
Governor of Ohio

In order to protect and restore the Lakes, and our economy that depends on them, we have initiated and built upon measures both regionally and within our States. In 2003, we the Governors identified nine priorities to guide our collective work. And, in 2005, we joined with representatives of the current Administration, Congress and Tribes to unveil a comprehensive strategy to restore and protect the Great Lakes. The citizens of our region and our nation are now looking to our elected leaders to follow through on the promise reflected in the strategy with concrete steps.

DAVID NAFTZGER
Executive Director

Aggressive action has been taken by each of the Great Lakes States to do what we can to advance Great Lakes restoration and protection. For example, in Wisconsin over the past two years, we together with our other partners have been able to direct funds to protect and restore over 10,000 acres of wetlands in the Lake Michigan basin. In Green Bay, we have joined with local governments and the dental trade association to provide cost-share incentives to accelerate installation of mercury separators and reduce the potential for entry into the Lake Michigan food chains. Efforts by the other Great Lakes States have similarly brought us closer to our shared restoration and protection goals.

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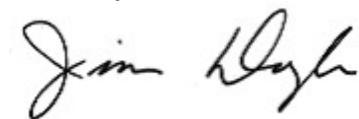
And earlier this year, Minnesota became the first State to ratify the *Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact*. Illinois has also ratified the Compact, and action is anticipated in the other Great Lakes States in coming weeks and months. The Compact was negotiated and endorsed by the Great Lakes Governors and will ban diversions from the Great Lakes with limited exceptions. After the Compact is ratified by all of the Great Lakes States, Congress will be asked to provide its consent thereby turning this unprecedented set of protections into State and federal law. We ask for your commitment to support this effort.

However, progress to protect and restore the Great Lakes continues too slowly because the States, without proper support from the federal government, can only achieve so much. Because we are not acting swiftly enough, the Lakes, our citizens and our economy still suffer from pollution and biological invasions, as well as new and emerging threats. This situation compromises our environment and restrains our economy, both regionally and nationally. Swift and substantial progress will only be made if the U.S. Congress and the Administration join us by providing the necessary resources and actions to protect and restore the Great Lakes. To that end, both individually and collectively the Governors have repeatedly asked Congress to support programs and legislation that will support our efforts.

We are at a crossroads. Actions in coming months and years will determine whether our shared efforts will accelerate or falter. The next Administration will have a key role in determining the fate of the Great Lakes. The Governors have been working hard to protect the Great Lakes through measures like the Compact but it is only through supportive federal policy that we will be able to realize our shared vision of a protected and restored Great Lakes. Therefore, I ask that you outline your plan and priority actions for Great Lakes restoration and protection that you will initiate in 2009 and beyond. Specifically, I ask whether you endorse the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration's Restoration and Protection Strategy that has been developed and, if so, to articulate your implementation plan. Of course, if you identify another path forward, please share a detailed strategy to realize our shared goals.

Our actions reflect our seriousness in restoring and protecting the Great Lakes. I hope that you will join me in demonstrating this commitment. Should you or your staff have questions, please contact David Naftzger, Executive Director of the Council of Great Lakes Governors at (312) 407-0177.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Doyle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jim Doyle
Governor of Wisconsin
Chair, Council of Great Lakes Governors

Attachment: Council of Great Lakes Governors March 2, 2007 letter to Congress—near term Great Lakes restoration and protection action priorities (example)

* Identical, individually addressed letters have been sent to:

The Honorable Joe Biden

The Honorable Hillary Clinton

The Honorable Chris Dodd

The Honorable John Edwards

The Honorable Rudy Giuliani

The Honorable Mike Gravel

The Honorable Mike Huckabee

The Honorable Duncan Hunter

The Honorable Alan Keyes

The Honorable Dennis Kucinich

The Honorable John McCain

The Honorable Barack Obama

The Honorable Ron Paul

The Honorable Bill Richardson

The Honorable Mitt Romney

The Honorable Tom Tancredo

The Honorable Fred Thompson