



Great Lakes Business Network
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Dear Representative,

On behalf of the undersigned Great Lakes business leaders, we are writing to express our opposition to HR 3898, the Promoting Efficient Review for Modern Infrastructure Today Act (PERMIT Act), which would gut protections for clean water and threaten the Great Lakes economy. As members of the Great Lakes Business Network, a coalition of more than 230 business owners, we prioritize clean and healthy Great Lakes as a cornerstone of economic prosperity, and advocate to address threats to our freshwater resources, drinking water, wildlife, and blue economy.

We respectfully urge you to **vote NO on the PERMIT Act** in order to protect clean water for the communities and economies that depend on the Great Lakes.

Businesses rely on the pristine Great Lakes to attract tourism, boost recreation, and sustain the regional way of life. As Great Lakes business owners, we understand the importance of proactively protecting the natural resources that allow our communities to thrive and appreciate the delicate balance of protecting the planet and economy. H.R. 3898 gives corporate polluters more power to contaminate rivers, lakes, and streams that millions of people rely on for drinking, fishing, and recreation. Responsible businesses should not bear the burden of companies that do not comply with standards and regulations.

This package of anti-water bills, H.R. 3898, is a coordinated attack on protections that have saved lives, wetlands, and drinking water for over 50 years. As business owners, we are already operating in compliance with these regulations, and we understand the need for standards that keep our products safe for our customers.

Weakening the Clean Water Act will spike operating costs for water treatment, increase risk to our community's health, and threaten the "pure" identity of the Great Lakes region that drives tourism, recreation, and related industries. In a time where we are seeing more frequent and intense extreme weather events, we need to prioritize resiliency to keep our communities safe – NOT rollback our most important environmental safeguards.

As business leaders, we respect the inherent responsibility to protect the Great Lakes as a vital resource for all. We are held accountable for our bottom line and are required to meet standards and regulations to ensure that we are not compromising critical resources such as the Great Lakes. With this shared responsibility in mind, we urge you, as a Great Lakes leader, to oppose H.R. 3898 to protect the Clean Water Act and its critical protections for clean water.

Sincerely,



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