



Business Leaders Applaud State Action to Address Microplastics

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ANN ARBOR, Mich. (December 4, 2025) — Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer recently joined Governors from six other states to petition the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) to add microplastics as a contaminant for monitoring and regulation under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Members of the Great Lakes Business Network applaud this action to address microplastics as a threat to health, wildlife, communities and businesses in the Great Lakes region that rely on clean, safe drinking water. GLBN joined more than [25 Great Lakes organizations](#) in calling for this action and appreciated the Governor’s swift response.

“Microplastics are harmful to Great Lakes communities and businesses - collecting on our beaches, threatening fish and wildlife, and putting our drinking water at risk. Individuals and businesses can only do so much to address this threat, which makes this bold action by Governor Whitmer imperative in working toward systematic solutions to protect clean water” said Sam Bennett, Owner of SwellMinded.

The Great Lakes Business Network is a coalition of businesses dedicated to creating an inclusive and influential business network that advocates for thriving ecosystems, economies, and communities in the Great Lakes Region. It is co-managed by National Wildlife Federation and Groundwork for Resilient Communities. Learn more at glbusinessnetwork.com