

Join the premier forum for state and provincial legislators advocating for the protection and restoration of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River



#### **Did You Know?**

- The Great Lakes basin is home to roughly 30 million people in Canada and the United States. (Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)
- In the 10 jurisdictions that share the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River, more than 560 state and provincial legislators represent districts that lie completely or partially within the Great Lakes basin.
- The Great Lakes are the largest system of fresh surface water on Earth, containing roughly 21 percent of the world's supply and 84 percent of North America's supply. (Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)
- Nearly 25 percent of Canadian agricultural production and 7 percent of American farm production are located in the Great Lakes basin. (Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)
- The Great Lakes are home to more than 150 native species of fish and support a \$4 billion sport fishery industry. (Source: The Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory)
- More than 180 non-native and invasive species have damaged the Great Lakes system. (Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration)
- The Great Lakes provide drinking water to 40 million people and supply 56 billion gallons of water per day for municipal, agricultural and industrial use. (Source: The Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory)

# Mark your calendar for the 2023 GLLC Annual Meeting

September 8-9 Quebéc City, Quebéc

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# About the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus

Clean water is essential to support a healthy population, a thriving economy, and a well-functioning ecosystem. The Great Lakes-St.
Lawrence Legislative Caucus (GLLC) is organized around the guiding principle of assuring that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River continue to provide a plentiful source of clean, affordable water to the region's residents, businesses, and industries.

The GLLC is the only binational, nonpartisan organization that exists solely for the purpose of engaging state and provincial legislators in policies related to the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River. The Caucus brings together members from eight U.S. states and two Canadian provinces: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Québec, and Wisconsin.

The mission of the GLLC is to take the best sciencebased recommendations from studies and put them into practice in the Great Lakes region.

Since 2003, through its mix of programming, advocacy, and other activities, the Caucus has been a forum for the regional exchange of ideas and information on key issues that impact the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River.

The Midwestern Office of The Council of State Governments provides staff support to the Caucus. To learn more, visit *greatlakeslegislators.org*.



## **Benefits of Membership**

Membership in the nonpartisan GLLC is open to all state and provincial legislators in the eight states and two provinces that share the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence basin. There is no cost to become a member — only benefits. Enrolling as a GLLC member brings the following opportunities:

- Make your voice heard by voting on and even sponsoring Caucus resolutions and member signon letters concerning issues of common interest and concern.
- Become a leader on Great Lakes and St. Lawrence issues by serving as an officer of the Caucus, as a member of the Executive Committee, or on issuespecific committees and task forces.
- Take advantage of opportunities to attend annual Caucus meetings, quarterly web-meetings, policy institutes, and other meetings related to water quality in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River.
- Stay informed with the quarterly e-newsletter "Great Lakes-St. Lawrence News for Legislators," plus state and federal legislative trackers compiling detailed information on bills that may have an impact on the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River.

To enroll as a GLLC member, please fill out and return the form on the right. You may also sign up online at bit.ly/GLLCmember (case sensitive).

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