

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Ms. Kirsten Hillman
Ambassador of Canada to the United States
501 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Ambassador Hillman:

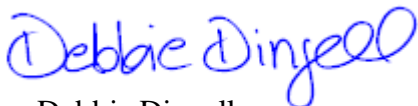
As the co-chairs of the House Great Lakes Task Force, we write in support of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, a treaty organization our two nations sustain together that works to ensure the lasting health of this shared resource.

The Great Lakes Fishery Commission was created by the 1954 Convention on Great Lakes Fisheries in order to establish a strong working relationship between Canada and the United States to ensure healthy fish populations, advance fishery research, combat invasive species, and coordinate efforts to ensure sustained productivity of Great Lakes fisheries. We have seen the success of this partnership today, with the Great Lakes fishery worth more than CDN\$8 billion annually to the people of Canada and the United States. Through the convention, Canada and the U.S. agreed to a funding formula to ensure continued support for the Great Lakes Fishery Commission.

We understand that, in February of last year and again in February of this year, the House of Commons' Standing Committee on Finance unanimously recommended that Canada's next budget include the full amount consistent with the funding arrangement for the Commission. We are pleased to see these recommendations and look forward to continuing our partnership in supporting the Great Lakes Fishery Commission. By doing so, we can help ensure a healthy, vibrant, and lucrative Great Lakes fishery for the people of our two nations.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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