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November 4, 2003

The Honorable Christopher Bond
Chairman
Senate Appropriations Committee
Veterans Affairs, HUD and Independent Agencies Subcommittee
SD-130 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-6032

Dear Senator Bond:

On behalf of its eight member states, the Great Lakes Commission urges your support for at least a \$10.0 million appropriation to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act . The Act authorized \$30.0 million for grants within this EPA program.

The BEACHES Program, provided through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, ensures public safety on the Great Lakes by reducing contaminants, improving monitoring, enhancing public notification efforts, undertaking research on indicators, and developing rapid sampling technologies. We are very concerned that the Senate VA-HUD Appropriations Subcommittee has not appropriated funds for FY2004 and we urge you to support the House appropriations level of \$10.0 million recommended in H.Rpt. 108-235.

The Great Lakes Commission, an interstate compact agency founded in state and federal law, is dedicated to the informed use, management and protection of the Great Lakes. We thank you for your consideration, and for your continued leadership on issues of priority interest to the Great Lakes Commission and its eight member states. Should you have any questions please contact me at 734-665-9135 or mdonahue@glc.org.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Donahue, Ph.D.
President/CEO

Ensuring environmental and economic prosperity for the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence region through communications, policy research and development, and advocacy.