



## GREAT LAKES LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS

### News Release

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### Protecting Great Lakes aim of legislative meeting in Traverse City

LOMBARD, IL — Key issues in Great Lakes management and protection will be the focus of a regional meeting of state and provincial legislators to be held Saturday, Aug. 25, in Traverse City, Mich.

This daylong event of the Great Lakes Legislative Caucus will include a mix of presentations by scientific experts and policy leaders. It will be held at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa.

The meeting, which is open to the public and media, will feature sessions on invasive species, ground-water protection and changes in water levels as well as updates on federal legislation and a proposed interstate compact to better manage the Great Lakes.

Peter Annin, author of "The Great Lakes Water Wars," will be the feature luncheon speaker at the caucus meeting. A full agenda is available at [www.csgmidwest.org/About/GLLC.htm](http://www.csgmidwest.org/About/GLLC.htm).

The Great Lakes Legislative Caucus is a nonpartisan group of state and provincial lawmakers from eight U.S. states (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Wisconsin) and two Canadian provinces (Ontario and Quebec).

The caucus has three primary goals:

- facilitate the regional exchange of ideas and information on key Great Lakes issues,
- strengthen the role of state and provincial legislators in the policymaking process, and
- promote the restoration and protection of the Great Lakes.

Michigan Sen. Patricia Birkholz of Saugatuck Township is the current chair of the caucus. She also is chair of the Midwestern Legislative Conference (MLC), whose meeting will begin a day after the Great Lakes meeting and run through Wednesday, Aug. 29, at the Grand Traverse Resort.

The Midwestern Office of The Council of State Governments (CSG) provides staffing services for the Great Lakes Legislative Caucus and the MLC. CSG is a national, nonpartisan organization that has championed excellence in state government for more than 70 years by sharing innovative solutions to common problems across state borders.

For more information or to register to attend, please contact Tim Anderson or Mike McCabe at (630) 925-1922.

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