

February 15, 2007

Great Lakes Water Resources Compact Committee Members c/o Wisconsin Legislative Council 1 E. Main Street, Suite 401 Madison, WI 53702

Dear Members,

Over the last several months, the Great Lakes Water Resources Compact Committee has worked diligently to discuss, debate and study the feasibility of Wisconsin entering into the Great Lakes Water Resources Compact. I deeply appreciate the time, effort and input each member has leant to the work of this study committee.

As Chair, I have always believed the best approach to examining this complex issue is to allow the committee members to bring their ideas and concerns forward and hopefully find consensus on those issues. As you know, I created three sub-committees to work towards that goal and provide recommendations to the full committee. In my opinion, the work of those sub-committees was most productive. However, several major items remain unresolved.

Since that time, I have reviewed various summary documents provided by Legislative Council staff of both the work of the sub-committees and those remaining unresolved items. For your review and consideration, I have enclosed a copy of the memo detailing the unresolved items with this correspondence. At this time, I would like to solicit the opinion of each member of the committee as to whether you believe future committee meetings would be productive in resolving those items.

It is my hope each member be open and honest as to their position on the committee's progress and efforts to date. I will carefully review each opinion and make a determination based on the comments received. If possible, please submit your written comments to my office no later than Thursday, February 22, 2007. My decision in regards to any further meetings of the Great Lakes Water Resources Compact committee will be delivered to each member by Thursday, March 1, 2007.

Again, I would like to personally thank each member for the commitment shown to this legislative study committee process. Your work has been duly noted and your service to the Wisconsin State Legislature is most appreciated. I look forward to reviewing your comments as they are received.

Sincerely,

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**State Senator** 

Chair, Great Lakes Water Resources Compact Committee

11th Senate District

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Enclosure: WI Legislative Council Memo, February 6, 2007 – Remaining Issues