

Dear Senator,

The Great Lakes, the ground waters, the streams and lakes that feed them are globally, spectacular freshwater seas. They are a gift greater than the Florida Everglades or the Grand Canyon. We must protect these waters and the rights and uses of millions of Michigan Citizens whose livelihoods, drinking water, recreation, farming and businesses depend upon the integrity this globally magnificent ecosystem. Michigan has a unique role to be a global leader as steward of one of the world's greatest freshwater resources.

I'm urging you to support the introduction and enactment of Michigan Water Rights Legislation that declares Michigan water a public trust, imposes a duty on the state and government, as the trustee, to protect water, and prohibits the government or anyone from violating the public trust principles. Public trust protects everyone's use of water against claims of ownership, control, or export by powerful outside special interests. Why would Michigan leave itself open for the rest of the world to press a finger on the map, buy land, and come here and ship the water somewhere else?

Protect Our Great Lakes! Protect Us! I'm counting on you.

A Concerned Michigan Citizen