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GREAT LAKES

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The Honorable Marcia L. Fudge  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2344 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-2210

Dear Congresswoman Fudge:

On behalf of the Alliance for the Great Lakes (The Alliance), I would like to express our support for your bill, the "Low Income Sewer and Water Assistance Program Act of 2017." We appreciate that the legislation amends the Clean Water Act to establish a pilot program that awards grants to eligible low-income households to assist with water and sewage bill repayment. Accessibility to clean water is a priority issue for us and The Alliance is pleased to support this legislation.

Everyone in the Great Lakes region and across the country should have access to drinking water and sanitation that is available, accessible, affordable, acceptable and safe without discrimination and regardless of their socioeconomic position. We are committed to supporting public policies that protect access to clean drinking water and proper sewage sanitation. The Alliance is the oldest Great Lakes organization devoted 100 percent to the lakes. Our professional staff works with scientists, policymakers, businesses, community groups and everyday citizens to protect and restore the world's largest surface freshwater resource. From forging forward-looking Great Lakes policies to promoting Great Lakes education to on-the-ground efforts to improve thousands of miles of Great Lakes shoreline, we've been out front and behind the scenes caring for the lakes since 1970.

We appreciate your leadership on this legislation and thank you for your continued leadership on Great Lakes and water policy issues.

Sincerely,

Crystal M.C. Davis  
Policy Director