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February 16, 2016

His Worship Mitch Twolan
Chair
Board of Directors
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
20 North Wacker Drive, Suite 2700
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Dear Mayor Twolan:

**Subject: City Council - Member Motion Item 12.1
Maintaining High Standards for Removing Water from the Great Lakes and
St. Lawrence River Basin - by Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by
Councillor Paul Ainslie**

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Yours sincerely,



for City Clerk

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Attachment

Sent to: Premier, Province of Ontario
Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Province of Ontario
Premier, Province of Québec
Minister of Sustainable Development, the Environment and the Fight Against
Climate Change, Sustainable Development, Province of Québec
Mayor of Montréal
Mayor of Québec City
Mayor of Chicago
Mayor of Detroit
Governor of Illinois
Governor of Indiana
Governor of Michigan
Governor of Minnesota
Governor of New York State
Governor of Ohio
Governor of Pennsylvania
Governor of Wisconsin
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Water Resources Regional Body
Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Council

c. City Manager

City Council

Member Motions - Meeting 12

MM12.1	ACTION	Adopted		Ward:All
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Summary

The Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River represent the largest body of surface fresh water in the world and are a vibrant, diverse ecosystem that is critically important to the economic wellbeing and quality of life of the Canadian and U.S. populations in the region. The Great Lakes provide drinking water to over 40 million, are home to over 350 species of fish, and contain 84 percent of North America's freshwater supply.