

GREAT LAKES & ST. LAWRENCE CITIES INITIATIVE

# Great Lakes Day 2025

March 5-7 | Washington, D.C.



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**L'ALLIANCE DES VILLES**  
DES GRANDS LACS ET DU SAINT-LAURENT

# CITIES INITIATIVE DELEGATION

- Great Lakes Day:
  - annual lobby day in Washington, DC
  - organized by Great Lakes Commission
  - dozens of regional groups participate
  
- 28 mayors, councillors, and First Nation leaders from Canada and the United States, incl:
  - Mayor Plante of Montreal, QC
  - Mayor Marchand of Quebec City, QC
  - Mayor Horwath of Hamilton, ON
  - Mayor Brown of Brampton, ON
  - Mayor Melton of Gary, IN
  - Mayor Bogdala of Kenosha, WI
  - Mayor Patterson-Howard of Mount Vernon, NY
  - Mayor Bazzi of Dearborn Heights, MI



# KEY PRIORITIES

**#1**

**Great Lakes Restoration Initiative**

**#2**

**U.S. - Canada Trade Relationship**

# GREAT LAKES RESTORATION INITIATIVE (GLRI)

- The GLRI is a vital, **cost-effective program** for restoring our freshwater ecosystem and promoting our freshwater economy that has historically enjoyed **bipartisan congressional support**.
- The GLRI has funded more than 8,100 projects in our communities
  - Every \$1 of federal investment = more than \$3 in local economic activity

**ASK:** We urge Congress to pass the GLRI Act of 2025, bipartisan legislation that would extend the GLRI for an additional five years at \$500 million per year.

# U.S.-CANADA TRADE RELATIONSHIP

- **The GLSL Region benefits from a strong U.S.-Canada trade relationship**
  - Represents 50% of our countries' bilateral trade
  - Supports a \$6 trillion regional economy
- The Cities Initiative **opposes 25% blanket tariffs** because they will:
  - Undermine our regional economy and North American supply chain
  - Lead to higher prices - approx. \$1,300/year for average American household
  - Cause a 1.6% decrease in U.S. GDP and thousands of American job losses
  - Disrupt economic transformation, preventing clean industries from locating their business operations in our region

**ASK:** For Congress to weigh in with the administration on the harmful impacts of 25% blanket tariffs for GLSL communities.

## WEDNESDAY

**11:00 am**  
Prep Session

**1:00 pm**  
Congressional Meetings

**6:00 pm**  
Canadian Embassy  
Reception

**8:00 pm**  
Joint Dinner w/MRCTI at  
Carmine's

## THURSDAY

**8:00 am**  
Great Lakes Day Breakfast

**10:00 am**  
Congressional Meetings  
and Lunch

**4:00 pm**  
Trade Roundtable

**6:00 pm**  
Dinner w/Cities Initiative,  
Ontario Big City Mayors,  
and Ontario Chamber of  
Commerce

## FRIDAY

**8:00 am**  
Breakfast with the French  
Ambassador

[U.S. Mayors Only]  
**10:00 am**  
White House Meeting

**1:00 pm**  
Trade Press Conference

# CONGRESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT

- Senator Tammy Baldwin (WI)
- Senator Todd Young (IN)
- Senator Ron Johnson (WI)
- Senator Elissa Slotkin (MI)
- Senator Gary Peters (MI)
- Senator Tammy Duckworth (IL)
- Senator Chuck Schumer (NY)
- Rep. Bryan Steil (WI-01)
- Rep. Rashida Tlaib (MI-12)
- Rep. Frank Mrvan (IN-01)
- Rep. Dave Joyce (OH-14)
- Rep. Bob Latta (OH-05)
- Rep. Marcy Kaptur (OH-09)
- Rep. Bill Huizenga (MI-04)
- Rep. Debbie Dingell (MI-06)
- Rep. John Moolenaar (MI-02)
- Rep. Nick Langworthy (NY-23)
- Rep. Jan Schakowsky (IL-09)
- Rep. Brad Schneider (IL-10)



# CONGRESSIONAL BREAKFAST

- Organized by Great Lakes Commission and Northeast-Midwest Institute

## **Speakers:**

- Senator Bernie Moreno (OH)
- Senator John Husted (OH)
- Rep. Frank Mrvan (IN-01)
- Rep. Marcy Kaptur (OH-09)
- Rep. Debbie Dingell (MI-06)
- Rep. Sean Casten (IL-06)
- Rep. Joe Morelle (NY-25)



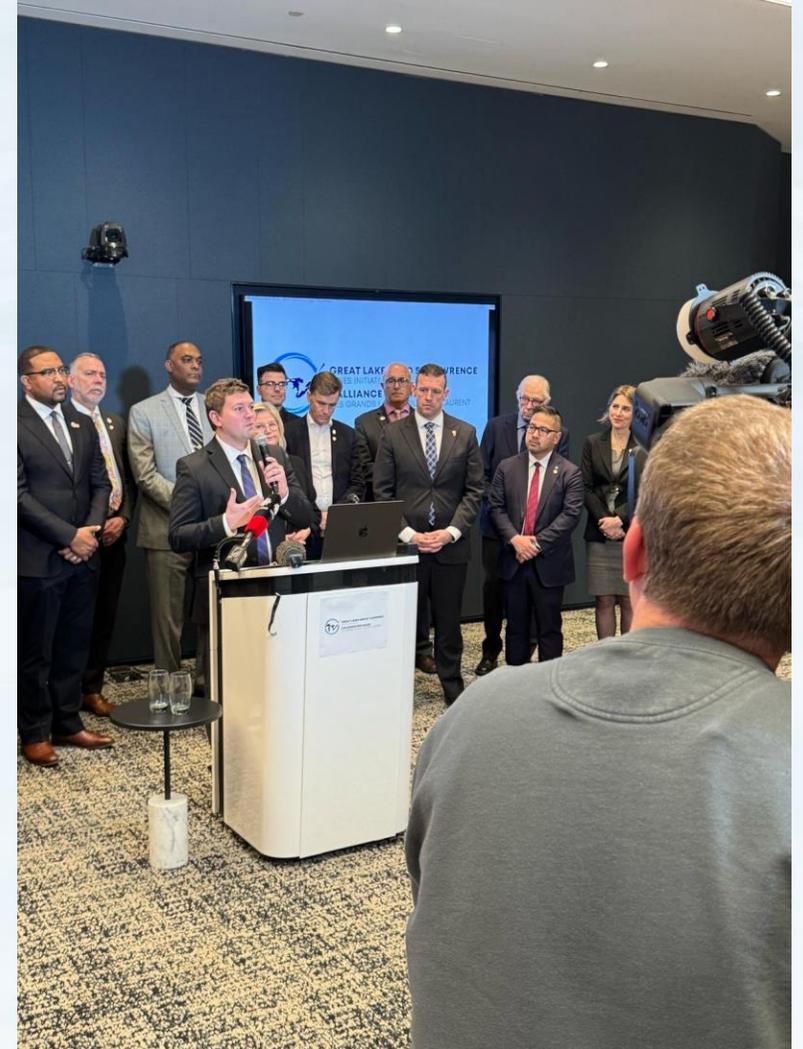
# INDUSTRY LEADERS ROUNDTABLE



- Ontario Trade & Investment Office – Chicago
- Quebec Delegation in Chicago
- Ontario Chamber of Commerce
- CSL
- Algoma
- Canadian Institute of Steel Construction
- CN
- ClearView Energy
- Canadian Trucking Alliance
- Toronto Region Board of Trade
- Veolia
- Viking River Cruises
- SmithGroup

# TRADE PRESS CONFERENCE

Canadian, U.S. mayors from Great Lakes area call for trade stability



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