Date

Your Name

Your Address

 Your phone number

Your MPP name here and for Location

Office Address for MPP

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Dear MPP’s name ,

My name is , a constituent in this riding as a resident of at your address. I am a member-at-large of the Public Advisory Council of the Detroit River Canadian Cleanup (DRCC). The DRCC is responsible for the Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for the Detroit River with the goal of restoring all the beneficial uses of the river.  The Council is an independent adjunct to the DRCC and is comprised of volunteers representing environmental groups such as the Essex County Field Naturalists, the Little River Enhancement Group and non affiliated individuals.

The group has one paid employee, a full time RAP Coordinator whose salary is funded jointly by Environment and Climate Change Canada and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (now the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks) under the terms of the Canada-Ontario Agreement (COA).  The Canada-Ontario Agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health is a plan that helps the province carry out the Great Lakes Strategy.  It also helps Canada meet commitments under the Canada-US Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.

The reason I am writing to you is that the Provincial Government has not provided information on the funding for the Remedial Action Plan and the outreach activities of the Detroit River Canadian Cleanup beyond March 2019.  The federal government has committed funding until 2020.  So I am requesting that you urge your government to provide assurance that funds will be forthcoming so that our RAP Coordinator and the committee’s activities will be able to continue their important work. As a Lake Erie shoreline resident I know how the health of the lake is dependent on the health of the Detroit River.

The Public Advisory Council understands MPP’s name that your government is committed to balancing the Provincial budget and all expenditures need to be examined.  We do however commend to you the importance of continuity in protecting and improving the quality of the waters of the Great Lakes and the need to live up to our international commitments.

I ask again MPP’s name that you intercede on our behalf and request a budget that includes funding for the DRCC and the other areas of concern in the Great Lakes Basin. Your early response would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

 Name, Titles, Location