

MI State Senators and Representatives

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Within the MI Legislature there are multiple elected and appointed officials that need to hear your voice in support to RestoreTheLakes. We plan to update the mailing or contact list on page 2 frequently. If you write emails / letters one week, the following week the list may change. Please check the site frequently to review the Call To Action. This is not an event to RestoreTheLakes, rather a campaign that will need your continued support.

The purpose of this guide is to provide contact information for key elected officials. While their email addresses are included, please also consider sending your written comments in a letter format via US Mail. There is something about a letter that helps emphasize your message.

You can do both, email your thoughts and then mail a letter as well. A stamp cost 58 cents and is a powerful means to be heard. A book of stamps is \$11.60 and enough to mail 20 letters.

To write your email or letter, start from a place in your heart, share a memory or a story. Then ask for their support to restore the lakes. We provide suggested key points for your letter to help you frame your thoughts. While we each think about “our lake”, **the government views this as the Tittabawassee water system (be sure to reference this into your request for restoration help). In the subject line please type: RESTORE THE MID MICHIGAN LAKES**

The list of elected officials for this Call To Action is located on page 2.

There is a sample letter on page 3 for your review and consideration. You can revise it to make it your own.

Thanks for taking time to write and email / mail your letters. You can help restore the lakes; restore property values; restore the local economy and keep the lakes alive for generations to come.

Some key points for your consideration in crafting your message:

- The May 2020 failure of the mid-Michigan dams was caused by the failure of federal regulators to hold a private dam owner in compliance.
- Is not fair to hold property owners, who did nothing wrong, with solely footing the bill to restore the lakes.
- State financial assistance is required to help restore the lakes. Mid-Michigan needs your help.
- Restoring the Lakes will restore the local economy, restore property values, keep the local tax base from collapse and create jobs for Michigan.
- **I seek your support for the bipartisan Michigan Bills focused on Dam Repair and Safety currently in Committee. The funding focused on dam safety and repair will help us rebuild and make sure this does not happen again to other families in Michigan.**
- The Four Lakes Task Force (FLTF) is finalizing a shovel ready \$300 million infrastructure project that will create high paying jobs.
- We support the FLTF plan to restore the lakes; but the investment is high and property owners should not be expected to shoulder the full burden.
- We seek your help and support to approve these Bills in Committee to move to the Floor for a vote and then to the Governor for signature.
- Should you want to mention the specific legislation in your email, the proposed Senate Bills 468, 469, 470, 471; and the proposed House Bills 4903, 4904, 4906, 4907. We have been told simply mentioning “Bills focused on Michigan Dam Repair and Safety” is sufficient.

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Be sure to check the website weekly for an updated list of names.

This is a partial list of bill sponsors. We wrote the sponsors earlier this summer to thank them for their support. As we are in September, we can thank them again while reinforcing what the passage of these measures means to us and to ask how we can help get the legislation passed.

Sponsor	Email Address	Mailing Address
Senator Roger Victory	senrvictory@senate.michigan.gov	PO Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909
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Representative Douglas Wozniak	DouglasWozniak@house.mi.gov	P.O. Box 30014 Lansing, MI 48909
Representative Gary Eisen	GaryEisen@house.mi.gov	P.O. Box 30014 Lansing, MI 48909
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Representative Mike Mueller	mikemueller@house.mi.gov	P.O. Box 30014 Lansing, MI 48909

Subject Line: **RESTORE THE MID MICHIGAN LAKES**

Dear [Senator or Representative LAST]:

The purpose of this letter is to thank you for your sponsorship and express my approval of the bipartisan Michigan legislation focused on **Dam Safety and Repair**. As October is near, we look forward to seeing this legislation passed. Regarding dam safety, we need to make sure this tragic event never happens again to other Michigan families.

The Four Lakes Task Force (FLTF) is the Midland and Gladwin County delegated authority. They are developing environmental; engineering and detailed restoration plans for each lake.

Property owners on these lakes should not be solely responsible to pay for somebody else's neglect. While we are willing to help, property owners should not bear 100% of the cost to rebuild the dams. This is not appropriate and a financial impossibility for many.

We support the bipartisan effort to allocate \$500 Million to Michigan Dam Safety and Repair with **\$225 Million allocated to restore the 4 damaged or failed dams known as Sanford, Wixom, Smallwood, and Secord**.

Michigan needs these Lakes to come back. Your help and support will keep property values from further collapse while supporting the local tax base for schools and services. Your help will aid the local economy.

We have confidence in the Four Lakes Task Force plan to restore the Tittabawassee water system with the bipartisan Michigan legislation for Dam Safety and Repair being a cornerstone for success.

Our community appreciates your support to restore the Lakes. Please let me know what I can do to help you get this legislation across the finish line quickly.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]

[ADDRESS]

{CITY, STATE, ZIP}