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His Worship Mat Siscoe
Co-Chair, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
Mayor, City of St. Catharines
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Subject: Letter of Support – *Great Lakes Resilient Infrastructure Fund*

Dear Mayor Siscoe,

On behalf of [Municipality Name], I am writing to express our strong support for the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative to establish a **Great Lakes Resilient Infrastructure Fund (GLRIF)** with the Ontario Government to support the province's municipalities across the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin adapt to the growing impacts of extreme weather on local infrastructure and improve the health of our watershed.

Communities throughout the basin are experiencing increased urban and coastal flooding, shoreline erosion, and infrastructure strain from more frequent and severe weather events. The GLRIF represents a timely response to address gaps in existing infrastructure programs and help municipalities with populations under 100,000 people identify innovative and lower-cost solutions to foster resilience and enhance the performance of municipal storm/wastewater infrastructure.

OPTION 1 – Project Example: In [Municipality Name], we are working to advance the [Project Name]—a project focused on [briefly describe the project's purpose; ex: upgrading stormwater management systems, stabilizing eroding shorelines, retrofitting wastewater infrastructure, or implementing nature-based flood mitigation measures]. The GLRIF would be instrumental in helping us implement this project and demonstrate leadership in sustainable, climate-resilient infrastructure.

OPTION 2 – Your Climate and Water Quality Challenges: In [Municipality Name], we are vulnerable to [briefly describe your municipality's vulnerability to extreme weather from a water management standpoint (ex: urban or coastal flooding; shoreline erosion) and/or water quality challenges from existing storm/wastewater systems]. The GLRIF would be an essential program to address these types of challenges.

We commend the Cities Initiative's continued leadership in uniting Ontario municipalities to advance sustainable, water-smart investments. The GLRIF will protect communities from extreme weather, drive innovation and growth in Ontario's water-tech and infrastructure sectors, support housing and economic development while safeguarding the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River.

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Sincerely,

[Name]

[Title]

[Municipality]

CC: Phillippe Murphy-Rhéaume, Canadian Managing Director and Chief Operations Officer,
Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative