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**Subject:** Canada-Ontario Agreement and Great Lakes Protection

The Honourable Doug Ford, MPP

Premier of Ontario

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Dear Mr. Premier,

Our volunteer based Public Advisory Council is an independent adjunct to the Detroit River Canadian Cleanup based in Windsor-Essex. The DRCC is jointly funded through the Canada-Ontario Agreement by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks partnering with Environment Canada. International in scope, the DRCC meets regularly with representatives from the U.S. side of the river.

During the current calendar year, the provincial and federal governments will be working toward a new COA agreement. In the meantime PAC urges the Government of Ontario to continue funding the current COA until its expiration In December 2019. Doing so will ensure the government's commitment to making restoration and protection of the Great Lakes a priority, as noted in the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks' 'Made in Ontario Environment Plan'.

Commitment to Great Lakes restoration remains of utmost importance. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours for an improved and cleaner Great Lakes,

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