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Great Lakes Day Congressional Breakfast Reception Attendee List

Name	Title	Organization
Gerald Acker	US Chair	International Joint Commission
Tori Agnew-Camiener	Fellow	GLC/IJC/Sea Grant
Abdulla Alhassani	Public Affairs Officer	Canadian Consulate General of Detroit
Jonathan Altenberg	President/CEO	Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
Lauren Anderson	Councillor	Municipality of Chatham-Kent
Peter Annin	Director	Burke Center, Northland College
Jim Athanasiou	President and CEO	The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation
Ed Bailey	Director Program & Portfolio Development	Northwestern Michigan College
Wallace Bandeff	Detroit District Commander	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Pierre Baril	Co-Chair, Canadian Section	International Joint Commission
Danielle Basgall	Government Relations Associate	The Nature Conservancy
Bill Bazzi	Mayor	City of Dearborn Heights, Michigan
Bree Bdzwaka	U.S. Policy Manager	Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
Kevin Beardsley	Chief Financial Officer	Duluth Seaway Port Authority
Peggy Berry	Executive Director	Between the Waters
Jennifer Boehme	CEO	Great Lakes Observing System
David Bogdala	Mayor	Kenosha, Wisconsin
Austin Bonta	Mayor	City of Portage, Indiana
Hannah Bowlby	Manager, Corporate Communications & Chair OMC	Algoma Central Corporation & Ontario Marine Council
Rich Bowman	Director of Policy	The Nature Conservancy





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Jack Bradley	Mayor	Lorain, Ohio
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James Brennan	National Director of Industry & Government Relatio	Ducks Unlimited Canada
John Bressler	Vice President of Government Relations	American Association of Port Authorities
Erin Brown	National Policy Analyst	Ducks Unlimited Canada
Eric Brown	Senior Advisor for External Relations	Great Lakes Commission
Tim Bruno	Great Lakes Program Coordinator	Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Ben Bruns	Director of Legislative Services	Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Robert Burnham	District Commander	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Sara Burns	Manager of Conservation Science and Planning	Ducks Unlimited
Bruce Burrows	President and CEO	Chamber of Marine Commerce
Beverly Burtzlaff	Associate Director of Government Affairs	NOACA
Jamie Callender	State Representative	Ohio House of Representatives
Joseph Cappel	Vice President of Business Development	Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority
Jackie Carter	Port Director	Port Milwaukee
Cayla Cavey	Assistant Operations and Laboratory Manager	Mary Griggs Burke Center for Freshwater Innovation
Vincent Cioletti	Operations Coordinator	Port of Monroe
Elizabeth Cisar	Program Director	The Joyce Foundation
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Stephanie Comer	President	Comer Family Foundation
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Christina Critelli	Assistant Deputy Minister	Government of Ontario
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Shannon Dougherty	Great Lakes Program Director	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
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Jacqueline Edwards	Marketing and Development Manager	Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
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Anthony Fisher	Deputy Administrator	Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (DOT)
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