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To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to protect and restore
the Great Lakes.

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Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. KIRK, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. PETERS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BROWN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. DONNELLY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to protect
and restore the Great Lakes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Great Lakes Ecological
5 and Economic Protection Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. GREAT LAKES PROVISION MODIFICATIONS.**

7 (a) FINDINGS; PURPOSE.—Section 118(a) of the
8 Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1268(a))
9 is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1)—

2 (A) by striking subparagraph (B) and in-
3 serting the following:

4 “(B) the United States should seek to at-
5 tain the goals embodied in the Great Lakes
6 Restoration Initiative Action Plan, the Great
7 Lakes Regional Collaboration Strategy, and the
8 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement of 1978
9 (including subsequent amendments); and”;

10 (B) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “,
11 tribal,” after “State”;

12 (2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the
13 following:

14 “(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is
15 to achieve the goals established in the Great Lakes
16 Restoration Initiative Action Plan, the Great Lakes
17 Regional Collaboration Strategy, and the Great
18 Lakes Water Quality Agreement through—

19 “(A) improved organization and definition
20 of mission on the part of the Agency;

21 “(B) the funding of grants, contracts, and
22 interagency agreements for protection, restora-
23 tion, and pollution control in the Great Lakes
24 area; and

25 “(C) improved accountability.”; and

1 (3) by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the
2 following:

3 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 “(A) AGENCY.—The term ‘Agency’ means
5 the Environmental Protection Agency.

6 “(B) AREA OF CONCERN.—The term ‘area
7 of concern’ means a geographic area located
8 within the Great Lakes, in which beneficial uses
9 are impaired and which has been officially des-
10 ignated as an area of concern under Annex 2
11 of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.

12 “(C) GREAT LAKES.—The term ‘Great
13 Lakes’ means Lake Ontario, Lake Erie, Lake
14 Huron (including Lake St. Clair), Lake Michi-
15 gan, and Lake Superior, and the connecting
16 channels (Saint Mary’s River, Saint Clair River,
17 Detroit River, Niagara River, and Saint Law-
18 rence River to the Canadian Border).

19 “(D) GREAT LAKES MAYOR.—The term
20 ‘Great lakes mayor’ means a mayor of a mu-
21 nicipality located in a Great Lakes State.

22 “(E) GREAT LAKES REGIONAL COLLABO-
23 RATION STRATEGY.—The term ‘Great Lakes
24 Regional Collaboration Strategy’ means the
25 Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Strategy to

1 Protect and Restore the Great Lakes, released
2 on December 12, 2005, including any amend-
3 ments or updates thereafter.

4 “(F) GREAT LAKES STATE.—The term
5 ‘Great Lakes State’ means any of the States of
6 Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New
7 York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

8 “(G) GREAT LAKES SYSTEM.—The term
9 ‘Great Lakes System’ means all the streams,
10 rivers, lakes, and other bodies of water within
11 the drainage basin of the Great Lakes.

12 “(H) GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY
13 AGREEMENT.—The term ‘Great Lakes Water
14 Quality Agreement’ means the Agreement on
15 Great Lakes Water Quality, 1978, signed at
16 Ottawa on November 22, 1978 (30 UST 1383;
17 TIAS 9257), between the United States and
18 Canada.

19 “(I) LAKEWIDE MANAGEMENT PLAN.—The
20 term ‘Lakewide Management Plan’ means a
21 written document that embodies a systematic
22 and comprehensive ecosystem approach to re-
23 storing and protecting the beneficial uses of the
24 open waters of each of the Great Lakes, in ac-

1 cordance with article VI and Annex 2 of the
2 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.

3 “(J) POTENTIALLY RESPONSIBLE
4 PARTY.—The term ‘potentially responsible
5 party’ means an individual or entity that may
6 be liable under any Federal or State authority
7 that is being used or may be used to facilitate
8 the cleanup and protection of the Great Lakes.

9 “(K) PROGRAM OFFICE.—The term ‘Pro-
10 gram Office’ means the Great Lakes National
11 Program Office established by this section.

12 “(L) REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN.—The term
13 ‘Remedial Action Plan’ means a written docu-
14 ment that embodies a systematic and com-
15 prehensive ecosystem approach to restoring and
16 protecting the beneficial uses of areas of con-
17 cern, in accordance with article VI and Annex
18 2 of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.

19 “(M) RESEARCH OFFICE.—The term ‘Re-
20 search Office’ means the Great Lakes Research
21 Office established by subsection (d)(1).

22 “(N) SITE CHARACTERIZATION.—The term
23 ‘site characterization’ means a process for mon-
24 itoring and evaluating the nature and extent of
25 sediment contamination in accordance with the

1 guidance of the Agency for the assessment of
2 contaminated sediment in an area of concern lo-
3 cated wholly or partially within the United
4 States.”.

5 (b) GREAT LAKES MANAGEMENT.—Section 118(c) of
6 the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
7 1268(c)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1)—

9 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “;”
10 and inserting a semicolon;

11 (B) by striking subparagraph (E);

12 (C) by redesignating subparagraphs (C)
13 and (D) as subparagraphs (D) and (E), respec-
14 tively;

15 (D) in subparagraph (D) (as so redesi-
16 gnated), by adding “and” at the end;

17 (E) in subparagraph (E) (as so redesi-
18 gnated), by striking “; and” and inserting a pe-
19 riod; and

20 (F) by inserting after subparagraph (B)
21 the following:

22 “(C) coordinate with the Great Lakes
23 Interagency Task Force, as required under
24 paragraph (8);”;

1 (2) in paragraph (3)(C), by striking “subpara-
2 graph (c)(1)(C) of this section” and inserting “para-
3 graph (1)(D)”;

4 (3) by striking paragraph (6) and inserting the
5 following:

6 “(6) GREAT LAKES GOVERNANCE AND MANAGE-
7 MENT.—

8 “(A) GREAT LAKES ADVISORY BOARD.—

9 “(i) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Adminis-
10 trator shall establish an advisory board, to
11 be known as the ‘Great Lakes Advisory
12 Board’, to provide advice and recommenda-
13 tions to the Administrator on matters per-
14 taining to Great Lakes restoration and
15 protection.

16 “(ii) MEMBERSHIP.—The Great
17 Lakes Advisory Board shall be composed
18 of not fewer than 12 and not more than 20
19 members of whom—

20 “(I) 1 shall be appointed by the
21 Great Lakes Governors to represent
22 the interests of all of the Great Lakes
23 States;

24 “(II) 1 shall be appointed by the
25 Great Lakes mayors to represent the

1 interests of local governments in the
2 Great Lakes Region;

3 “(III) 1 shall be from a Great
4 Lakes tribal government; and

5 “(IV) the remaining members
6 shall be appointed by the Adminis-
7 trator and shall include, in a manner
8 that ensures to the maximum extent
9 practicable geographic representation
10 of the Great Lakes basin, representa-
11 tives of or individuals affiliated with—

12 “(aa) environmental groups;

13 “(bb) hunting, fishing, and
14 conservation organizations;

15 “(cc) businesses;

16 “(dd) agricultural groups;

17 “(ee) foundations;

18 “(ff) environmental justice
19 organizations;

20 “(gg) academia; and

21 “(hh) State, local, and tribal
22 governments.

23 “(iii) MEETINGS.—

24 “(I) IN GENERAL.—The Great
25 Lakes Advisory Board shall meet not

1 less frequently than once every 180
2 days.

3 “(II) OPEN TO PUBLIC.—The
4 meetings of the Great Lakes Advisory
5 Board shall be open to the public.

6 “(iv) OPERATION.—The Great Lakes
7 Advisory Board shall—

8 “(I) operate on a collaborative
9 basis; and

10 “(II) seek input from a broad va-
11 riety of stakeholders.

12 “(v) COSTS.—The members of the
13 Great Lakes Advisory Board shall be al-
14 lowed travel expenses, including per diem
15 in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized
16 for employees of agencies under subchapter
17 I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States
18 Code, while away from their homes or reg-
19 ular places of business in the performance
20 of services for the Board.”;

21 (4) by striking paragraph (7) and inserting the
22 following:

23 “(7) GREAT LAKES RESTORATION INITIA-
24 TIVE.—

25 “(A) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

1 “(i) the goal of the Great Lakes pro-
2 gram of the Agency is to restore and main-
3 tain the chemical, physical, and biological
4 integrity of the Great Lakes basin eco-
5 system; and

6 “(ii) in 2010, the Agency, in coordina-
7 tion with Federal partners, commenced im-
8 plementation of a new Great Lakes Res-
9 toration Initiative (referred to in this para-
10 graph as the ‘Initiative’), which is de-
11 signed—

12 “(I) to identify programs and
13 projects that are strategically se-
14 lected—

15 “(aa) to target the most sig-
16 nificant environmental problems
17 in the Great Lakes ecosystem;
18 and

19 “(bb) to implement the
20 Great Lakes Regional Collabora-
21 tion Strategy;

22 “(II) to be based on the work of
23 the Great Lakes Interagency Task
24 Force established under paragraph
25 (8)(B); and

1 “(III) to represent the commit-
2 ment of the Federal Government to
3 significantly advancing Great Lakes
4 protection and restoration.

5 “(B) FOCUS AREAS.—The Initiative shall
6 prioritize work done by non-Federal partners
7 using funding made available for the Great
8 Lakes for priority areas for each fiscal year,
9 such as—

10 “(i) the remediation of toxic sub-
11 stances and areas of concern;

12 “(ii) the prevention and control of
13 invasive species and the impacts of invasive
14 species;

15 “(iii) the protection and restoration of
16 nearshore health and the prevention and
17 mitigation of nonpoint source pollution;

18 “(iv) habitat and wildlife protection
19 and restoration, including wetlands res-
20 toration and preservation;

21 “(v) accountability, monitoring, eval-
22 uation, communication, and partnership
23 activities; and

24 “(vi) other areas prioritized by the
25 Great Lakes Advisory Board.

1 “(C) PROJECTS.—Pursuant to the Initia-
2 tive, the Agency shall consult with Federal
3 partners, including the Great Lakes Inter-
4 agency Task Force, and take into consideration
5 the recommendations of the Great Lakes Advi-
6 sory Board to select the best combination of
7 programs and projects for Great Lakes protec-
8 tion and restoration using principles and cri-
9 teria such as—

10 “(i) the ability to achieve strategic
11 and measurable environmental outcomes
12 that implement the Great Lakes Collabora-
13 tion Strategy and the Great Lakes Water
14 Quality Agreement;

15 “(ii) the feasibility of—

16 “(I) prompt implementation;

17 “(II) timely achievement of re-
18 sults; and

19 “(III) the ability to leverage re-
20 sources; and

21 “(iii) opportunities for improved inter-
22 agency and inter-organizational coordina-
23 tion and collaboration to reduce duplication
24 and streamline efforts.

25 “(D) IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS.—

1 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Funds made avail-
2 able to carry out the Initiative shall be
3 used to strategically implement—

4 “(I) Federal projects; and

5 “(II) projects carried out in co-
6 ordination with States, Indian tribes,
7 municipalities, institutions of higher
8 education, and other organizations.

9 “(ii) TRANSFER OF FUNDS.—Of
10 amounts made available for environmental
11 programs and management for the Great
12 Lakes Restoration Initiative, the Adminis-
13 trator may—

14 “(I) transfer not more than
15 \$475,000,000 to the head of any Fed-
16 eral department or agency, with the
17 concurrence of the department or
18 agency head, to carry out activities to
19 support the Initiative and the Great
20 Lakes Water Quality Agreement;

21 “(II) enter into an interagency
22 agreement with the head of any Fed-
23 eral department or agency to carry
24 out activities described in subclause
25 (I); and

1 “(III) make grants to govern-
2 mental entities, nonprofit organiza-
3 tions, institutions, and educational in-
4 stitutions for use in carrying out plan-
5 ning, research, monitoring, outreach,
6 training, studies, surveys, investiga-
7 tions, experiments, demonstration
8 projects, and implementation relating
9 to the activities described in subclause
10 (I).

11 “(E) SCOPE.—

12 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Projects shall be
13 carried out pursuant to the Initiative on
14 multiple levels, including—

15 “(I) local;

16 “(II) Great Lakes-wide; and

17 “(III) Great Lakes basin-wide.

18 “(ii) LIMITATION.—No funds made
19 available to carry out the Initiative may be
20 used for any water infrastructure activity
21 (other than a green infrastructure project
22 that improves habitat and other ecosystem
23 functions in the Great Lakes) for which
24 amounts are made available from—

1 “(I) a State water pollution con-
2 trol revolving fund established under
3 title VI; or

4 “(II) a State drinking water re-
5 volving loan fund established under
6 section 1452 of the Safe Drinking
7 Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-12).

8 “(F) ACTIVITIES BY OTHER FEDERAL
9 AGENCIES.—Each relevant Federal department
10 and agency shall, to the maximum extent prac-
11 ticable—

12 “(i) maintain the base level of funding
13 for the Great Lakes activities of the agen-
14 cy; and

15 “(ii) identify new activities and
16 projects to support the environmental goals
17 of the Initiative.

18 “(G) FUNDING.—

19 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
20 TIONS.—There is authorized to be appro-
21 priated to carry out the Initiative
22 \$475,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2016
23 through 2020.

24 “(ii) PARTNERSHIPS.—Of the
25 amounts made available to carry out the

1 Initiative, the Administrator shall transfer
2 expeditiously to the Federal partners of the
3 Initiative such sums as are necessary for
4 subsequent use and distribution by the
5 Federal partners in accordance with this
6 section.”;

7 (5) by striking paragraph (8) and inserting the
8 following:

9 “(8) GREAT LAKES INTERAGENCY TASK
10 FORCE.—

11 “(A) DEFINITION OF TASK FORCE.—In
12 this paragraph, the term ‘Task Force’ means
13 the Great Lakes Interagency Task Force estab-
14 lished under subparagraph (B).

15 “(B) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is estab-
16 lished a task force, to be known as the ‘Great
17 Lakes Interagency Task Force’ as described in
18 Executive Order 13340 (33 U.S.C. 1268 note),
19 relating to the establishment of Great Lakes
20 Interagency Task Force and promotion of re-
21 gional collaboration of national significance for
22 Great Lakes.

23 “(C) MEMBERSHIP.—

24 “(i) COMPOSITION.—The Task Force
25 shall be composed of—

1 “(I) the Administrator, who shall
2 serve as Chair;

3 “(II) the Secretary of State;

4 “(III) the Secretary of the Inte-
5 rior;

6 “(IV) the Secretary of Agri-
7 culture;

8 “(V) the Secretary of Commerce;

9 “(VI) the Secretary of Housing
10 and Urban Development;

11 “(VII) the Secretary of Trans-
12 portation;

13 “(VIII) the Secretary of Home-
14 land Security;

15 “(IX) the Secretary of the Army;
16 and

17 “(X) the Chair of the Council on
18 Environmental Quality.

19 “(ii) DELEGATION.—Any member of
20 the Task Force may delegate any duty of
21 the member of the Task force described in
22 this paragraph to any person who—

23 “(I) is a member of the depart-
24 ment, agency, or office of the member;
25 and

1 “(II)(aa) is an officer of the
2 United States appointed by the Presi-
3 dent; or

4 “(bb) is a full-time employee
5 compensated at a rate of pay not less
6 than the minimum annual rate of
7 basic pay for GS–15 under section
8 5332 of title 5, United States Code.

9 “(D) COORDINATION AND ASSISTANCE.—

10 The Program Office shall—

11 “(i) coordinate, to the maximum ex-
12 tent practicable, with the Task Force; and

13 “(ii) assist the Task Force with the
14 performance of the functions of the Task
15 Force.

16 “(E) DUTIES.—The Task Force, as a body
17 or through member agencies, shall—

18 “(i) collaborate with Canada, prov-
19 inces of Canada, and binational bodies in-
20 volved in the Great Lakes region regarding
21 policies, strategies, projects, and priorities
22 for the Great Lakes System;

23 “(ii)(I) coordinate the development of
24 Federal policies, strategies, projects, and
25 priorities for addressing the restoration

1 and protection of the Great Lakes System
2 consistent with—

3 “(aa) the Great Lakes Water
4 Quality Agreement;

5 “(bb) the Great Lakes Regional
6 Collaboration Strategy; and

7 “(cc) the Great Lakes Restora-
8 tion Initiative Action Plan;

9 “(II) take into consideration any rec-
10 ommendations of the Great Lakes Advisory
11 Board; and

12 “(III) assist in the appropriate man-
13 agement of the Great Lakes System;

14 “(iii) develop outcome-based goals for
15 the Great Lakes System (relying on exist-
16 ing data and science-based indicators of
17 water quality, related environmental fac-
18 tors, and other information) that—

19 “(I) focus on outcomes such as
20 cleaner water, improved public health,
21 sustainable fisheries, and biodiversity
22 of the Great Lakes System;

23 “(II) ensure that Federal poli-
24 cies, strategies, projects, and priorities
25 support measurable results; and

1 “(III) are consistent with the
2 Great Lakes Regional Collaboration
3 Strategy and the Great Lakes Res-
4 toration Initiative Action Plan;

5 “(iv) exchange information regarding
6 policies, strategies, projects, and activities
7 of the agencies represented on the Task
8 Force relating to—

9 “(I) the Great Lakes System;

10 “(II) the Great Lakes Water
11 Quality Agreement;

12 “(III) the Great Lakes Restora-
13 tion Initiative Action Plan; and

14 “(IV) the Great Lakes Regional
15 Collaboration Strategy;

16 “(v) coordinate government action as-
17 sociated with the Great Lakes System;

18 “(vi) seek input from nongovern-
19 mental organizations, States, and local and
20 tribal governments;

21 “(vii) ensure coordinated scientific
22 and other research associated with the
23 Great Lakes System;

24 “(viii) provide assistance and support
25 to agencies represented on the Task Force

1 in activities relating to the Great Lakes
2 System;

3 “(ix) after receipt of recommendations
4 from the Great Lakes Advisory Board, es-
5 tablish annual priorities with respect to
6 Great Lakes protection and restoration,
7 consistent with priorities for the Great
8 Lakes Collaboration Strategy and Great
9 Lakes Water Quality Agreement; and

10 “(x) not later than 1 year after the
11 date of enactment of the Great Lakes Eco-
12 logical and Economic Protection Act of
13 2015 and every 5 years thereafter—

14 “(I) in coordination with the
15 Great Lakes Governors, Great Lakes
16 mayors, tribal leaders, and nongovern-
17 mental organizations—

18 “(aa) review the Great
19 Lakes Regional Collaboration
20 Strategy and the Great Lakes
21 Restoration Initiative Action
22 Plan; and

23 “(bb) update and revise the
24 Great Lakes Restoration Initia-
25 tive Action Plan—

1 “(AA) to reflect the
2 most comprehensive sci-
3 entific information available;
4 and

5 “(BB) to improve the
6 implementation of the Great
7 Lakes Regional Collabora-
8 tion Strategy; and

9 “(II) submit a report to Congress
10 on what actions have and have not
11 been implemented with respect to the
12 recommendations made by—

13 “(aa) the Great Lakes Advi-
14 sory Board;

15 “(bb) the Great Lakes may-
16 ors;

17 “(cc) the Great Lakes Gov-
18 ernors; and

19 “(dd) tribal leaders in Great
20 Lakes States.”;

21 (6) by striking paragraph (10) and inserting
22 the following:

23 “(10) REPORTS.—

24 “(A) ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE RESTORA-
25 TION REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after

1 the end of each fiscal year, the Administrator
2 shall submit to Congress and make publicly
3 available a comprehensive report on the overall
4 health of the Great Lakes that includes—

5 “(i) a description of the achievements
6 during the fiscal year in implementing the
7 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement and
8 any other applicable agreements and
9 amendments that—

10 “(I) demonstrate, by category
11 (including categories for judicial en-
12 forcement, research, State cooperative
13 efforts, and general administration)
14 the amounts expended on Great Lakes
15 water quality initiatives for the fiscal
16 year;

17 “(II) describe the progress made
18 during the fiscal year in implementing
19 the system of surveillance of the water
20 quality in the Great Lakes System, in-
21 cluding the monitoring of groundwater
22 and sediment, with a particular focus
23 on toxic pollutants;

24 “(III) describe the prospects of
25 meeting the goals and objectives of

1 the Great Lakes Water Quality Agree-
2 ment; and

3 “(IV) provide a comprehensive
4 assessment of the planned efforts to
5 be pursued in the succeeding fiscal
6 year for implementing the Great
7 Lakes Water Quality Agreement and
8 any other applicable agreements and
9 amendments that—

10 “(aa) indicate, by category
11 (including categories for judicial
12 enforcement, research, State co-
13 operative efforts, and general ad-
14 ministration) the amount antici-
15 pated to be expended on Great
16 Lakes water quality initiatives
17 for the applicable fiscal year; and

18 “(bb) include a report on
19 programs administered by other
20 Federal agencies that make re-
21 sources available for Great Lakes
22 water quality management ef-
23 forts;

24 “(ii) a detailed list of accomplish-
25 ments of the Great Lakes Restoration Ini-

1 tiative with respect to each organizational
2 element of the Initiative and the means by
3 which progress will be evaluated;

4 “(iii) recommendations for stream-
5 lining the work of advisory and coordi-
6 nating committees (such as the Great
7 Lakes Regional Collaboration and the
8 United States Policy Committee), including
9 a recommendation for eliminating any such
10 entity if the work of the entity—

11 “(I) is duplicative; or

12 “(II) complicates the protection
13 and restoration of the Great Lakes;
14 and

15 “(iv) with respect to each priority es-
16 tablished under paragraph (8)(E)(ix) dur-
17 ing the fiscal year, the reasons why the
18 Administrator implemented, or did not im-
19 plement, the priorities and recommenda-
20 tions.

21 “(B) CROSSCUT BUDGET.—Not later than
22 45 days after the date of submission of the
23 budget of the President to Congress, the Direc-
24 tor of the Office of Management and Budget, in
25 coordination with the Governor of each Great

1 Lakes State and the Task Force, shall submit
2 to Congress and make publicly available a fi-
3 nancial report, certified by the head of each
4 agency that has budget authority for Great
5 Lakes restoration activities, containing—

6 “(i) an interagency budget crosscut
7 report that—

8 “(I) describes the budget pro-
9 posed, including funding allocations
10 by each agency for the Great Lakes
11 Restoration Initiative;

12 “(II) identifies any adjustments
13 from the budget request;

14 “(III) identifies the funding in
15 any amount for each of the Federal
16 agencies that carry out restoration
17 and protection activities in the subse-
18 quent fiscal year, separately reporting
19 the amount of funding to be provided
20 under each law pertaining to the
21 agency;

22 “(IV) compares specific funding
23 levels allocated for participating Fed-
24 eral agencies from fiscal year to fiscal
25 year; and

1 “(V) identifies all expenditures
2 since fiscal year 2004 by the Federal
3 Government and State governments
4 for Great Lakes restoration activities;

5 “(ii) a detailed accounting of all funds
6 received and obligated by all Federal agen-
7 cies and, to the maximum extent prac-
8 ticable, State agencies using Federal
9 funds, for Great Lakes restoration activi-
10 ties during the current and previous fiscal
11 years;

12 “(iii) a budget for the proposed
13 projects (including a description of the
14 project, authorization level, and project
15 status) to be carried out in the subsequent
16 fiscal year with the Federal share of funds
17 for activities; and

18 “(iv) a listing of all projects to be un-
19 dertaken in the subsequent fiscal year with
20 the Federal share of funds for activities.”;
21 and

22 (7) in paragraph (11)(H), by striking clause (i)
23 and inserting the following:

24 “(i) AUTHORIZATION.—In addition to
25 other amounts authorized to be appro-

1 appropriated pursuant to this section, there are
2 authorized to be appropriated to carry out
3 this paragraph—

4 “(I) \$50,000,000 for each of fis-
5 cal years 2004 through 2010; and

6 “(II) \$150,000,000 for each of
7 fiscal years 2016 through 2020.”.

8 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
9 118(h) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33
10 U.S.C. 1268(h)) is amended—

11 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
12 (3) as subparagraphs (A) through (C), respectively,
13 and indenting the subparagraphs appropriately;

14 (2) by striking “There are authorized” and in-
15 sserting the following:

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized”; and

17 (3) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(2) PROGRAM OFFICE.—There is authorized to
19 be appropriated to the Program Office to carry out
20 this section \$25,000,000 for each of fiscal years
21 2016 through 2020.”.

22 (d) EFFECT OF SECTION.—Nothing in this section
23 or an amendment made by this section affects—

24 (1) the jurisdiction, powers, or prerogatives
25 of—

1 (A) any department, agency, or officer
2 of—

3 (i) the Federal Government; or

4 (ii) any State or tribal government; or

5 (B) any international body established by
6 treaty with authority relating to the Great
7 Lakes (as defined in section 118(a)(3) of the
8 Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
9 1268(a)(3))); or

10 (2) any other Federal or State authority that is
11 being used or may be used to facilitate the cleanup
12 and protection of the Great Lakes (as so defined).

○