

Tips on Communicating with Elected Officials

- Communicate by fax, hand-written letter, call, email or postcard.
- Write 1 or 2 sentences stating your position on the bill.
- Be brief and to the point.
- If writing a letter, handwritten letters are best.
- Include your signature, address and phone number.
- Communicate multiple times, ideally once per week with every Senator you want to persuade.

Sample Letter Format

Date _____

Dear Senator _____ (or Representative _____);

Please oppose the Great Lakes Water Compact. It is clearly unconstitutional and it infringes upon personal property rights. It will also create yet another unnecessary burden for taxpayers to fund. Vote NO.

Sincerely,
Your Signature Here
Print your name
Print your address
(optional: include phone or email)

Ideas for the Body of a Letter

- Please vote NO on the Great Lakes Water Compact. It is unnecessary. It violates the private water rights of those living in the Great Lakes Basin, and it creates additional, expensive and unnecessary bureaucracy in the management of the Great Lakes waters.
- I strongly urge you to vote NO on the Great Lakes Water Compact. Please stop this legislation. It is unconstitutional.
- We do not need the Great Lakes Water Compact. The waters of the Great Lakes are already protected from diversion by the Water Resources Development Act of 1986. The Great Lakes Water Compact would provide no additional protection against diversion, while it will make taxpayers fund this additional, unnecessary new Council. Please vote NO on this Compact.
- I am already overtaxed, and do not want to pay for the additional expenses that are sure to result from the Great Lakes Water Resources Compact (H.B. 1705 and S.B. 1301). We do not need any additional regulation of the Great Lakes waters. Please vote NO on this Water Compact.
- The Great Lakes Water Resources Compact (H.B. 1705/S.B. 1301) does not protect the private property rights of those living in the Great Lakes Basin, and it sets a bad legal precedent for the rest of Pennsylvania. It is unconstitutional. Please vote against this Compact.
- The waters of the Great Lakes are already protected by the Water Resources Development Act. We don't need the Great Lakes Water Compact (H.B. 1705/S.B. 1301). Vote against it.
- The Great Lakes Water Compact (H.B. 1705/S.B. 1301) creates an unelected, unregulated Council with virtually unlimited powers. This prospect is frightening, and is certain to be detrimental to taxpayers. Please vote NO on this legislation.