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LAKE ADVOCATES TO OBAMA: IT'S TIME FOR AN EXECUTIVE ORDER
Kaptur, Dingle Letter to U.S. EPA Needs Presidential Support

TOLEDO – Now that the two most involved Congressional Representatives have come out in favor of U.S. EPA action to clean up Lake Erie, the next logical step is to have President Obama issue an executive order like the one he issued on behalf of Chesapeake Bay, Advocates for a Clean Lake Erie (ACLE) said today.

In May, 2009, after decades of failed voluntary agreements to begin a cleanup of the Bay, Obama issued [Executive Order 13508 – Chesapeake Bay Protection and Restoration](#), which established a “Leadership Committee” of relevant U.S. Department heads, gave them 4 months to prepare recommendations, another two months to turn those into a draft strategy for public comment that would go into effect in May, 2010.

“The two U.S. Congresspersons with the most at stake on this issue because they represent the Western Basin of Lake Erie, Marcy Kaptur and Debbie Dingell, are now squarely in favor of having the U.S. EPA coordinate a thorough cleanup which begins with a pollution inventory and setting TMDLs (Total Maximum Daily Loads) for the lake. The next logical step is for EPA action and President Obama can make that happen,” said ACLE coordinator, Mike Ferner.

“We had our wakeup call in 2014 when Toledo’s water was shut off due to toxic algal blooms,” Ferner said. “And we’ve learned from the experience of Chesapeake Bay that we can’t let [Big Ag](#) and other private interests delay, delay, delay. We need accountability and we need action. That’s what we’re telling President Obama.”

ACLE has posted an appeal on its [facebook page](#) for people to write and call the White House asking for an Executive Order, as well as Senator Sherrod Brown and Rep. Kaptur and will ask regional environmental groups and others to do the same.

President Obama: Lake Erie needs an Executive Order like you issued for Chesapeake Bay.

Phone: 202-456-1111 Email: www.whitehouse.gov/contact.

Rep. Kaptur: Thank you for your letter to the EPA and tell Pres. Obama to issue an Executive Order for Lake Erie. Phone: (419) 259-7500 Fax: (419) 255-9623.

Senator Sherrod Brown: Get on board with Marcy Kaptur! Phone: (202) 224-2315

www.brown.senate.gov/contact/email

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