

January 24, 1991

David Crombie, Commissioner Royal Commission on the Future of the Toronto Waterfront 207 Queen's Quay West, 5th floor Toronto, Ontario M5J 1A7

Dear Mr. erombie:

## Re: Annual Meeting of Great Lakes United

Great Lakes United (GLU) would like to invite you to be the keynote luncheon speaker at their 1991 annual meeting. Great Lakes United is the largest international public organization in the Great Lakes area. Each year, members from throughout the basin meet to discuss issues crucial to Great Lakes clean-up and protection, and to develop policies and programs for the next year. This year GLU's meeting will be held in Ottawa on May 4, 5, and 6, 1991. We would like you to speak at our luncheon on Saturday May 4, from 12:00 till 2:00 p.m.

We arranged our meeting in Ottawa in part to introduce our members to the Canadian federal government. In the past we have participated in regular Great Lakes briefing weeks in Washington. This will be the first time we are attempting a similar effort in Ottawa. We hope to spend Monday, May 6, meeting with MPs from all parties and hope our efforts will result in the formation of a permanent tri-partisan Great Lakes caucus.

I think the insights you have gained through your work on the Commission and with the federal government will be valuable in providing the Canadian context to our American members. I would like you to speak about "How I became an ecosystem evangelist" to share your belief in the reforms you have set out in your <u>Watershed</u> report. I anticipate that many of those recommendations will be an important part of the agenda we will promote to politicians on the following Monday.

I realize that May, the final month of your Commission work, will be very busy, and hope you can find the time to speak. In any event, I would like to arrange for GLU Board members to meet with you about long-term efforts which will be needed to promote your