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Dear Ms. Miller,

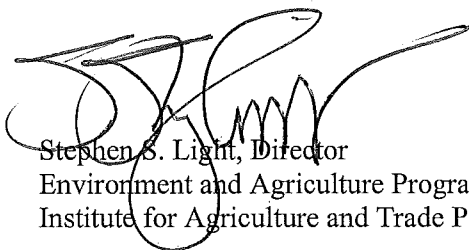
You are cordially invited to participate in a new project that the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP) is launching to increase understanding of the relationship of agriculture, the environment and trade to surface and ground water management in the Great Lakes Basin. The initial objectives of this project are to: 1) assess the current state of research; 2) identify knowledge "gaps" on this topic; 3) begin filling in the gaps by commissioning new research and then to 4) disseminate the accumulated information through briefings and publications. The first workshop, which will bring together an interdisciplinary group of researchers, policy analysts and specialists to address the first two project objectives, is tentatively scheduled for February 22-23, 2002 (dependent upon participants' schedules).

We understand that your time is very valuable, so we are prepared to offer you an honorarium for your participation as well as covering travel-related expenses. Initially, your involvement would include: commenting on a background paper (currently being prepared); identifying new research priorities at the initial meeting in February; and reviewing meeting and research results, which will be collected for a follow-up workshop in summer 2002. In addition, IATP is prepared to retain and compensate a handful of experts to undertake new research and to prepare papers for the follow-up workshop and final publications.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if there is anything I can do to assure your participation in what is certain to be an innovative and interesting project. You can either contact me directly (612 870 3474; email: stlight@iatp.org) or Jim Kleinschmit (612 870 3430; email: jim@iatp.org) for further information.

I appreciate your time and look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,



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