



## NATIONAL BOATING FEDERATION



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Mr. James Stouffer  
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Dear President Stouffer:

The National Boating Federation, representing more than 2,000,000 recreational boaters nation-wide, supports your efforts to preserve Lake Erie's water quality for this generation and for the future generations yet to be born. Continued erosion of the lake does not bode well for both recreational boating and fishing on Lake Erie in particular and on the Great Lakes in general.

Your organization's ongoing efforts to contain the spread of algae from agricultural fertilizer run-off, and the dumping of untreated or inadequately treated sewage by municipalities and industry are applauded by everyone in the recreational boating and fishing community. The degradation of the water quality of Lake Erie is so important, not only for the recreational opportunities provided its citizens, but also to the economic viability of the region.

Perhaps you are aware of the progress made in reclaiming the Chesapeake Bay. A visit to their web-site at [www.chesapeakebay.net/track/restoration](http://www.chesapeakebay.net/track/restoration) may provide you with additional ways and means to achieve the goals of your organization for Lake Erie.

Sincerely,

*Fred W. Poppe*  
President