

U.S. Rep. Gallagher: Applauds Passage of Bill Increasing GLRI Funding

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI) today applauded the House passage of [H.R. 4031](#), the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Act of 2019. This bill would gradually increase funding for the GLRI from \$375 million in FY2022 to \$475 million in FY2026. Rep. Gallagher, a co-sponsor of this bill, had previously [called for](#) increasing GLRI funding or at a minimum maintaining funding at its current rate.

*“In Northeast Wisconsin, the Great Lakes are critical to our economy and way of life,” **said Rep. Gallagher.** “The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative has proven itself not only to be an efficient use of taxpayer dollars, but also an important way to preserve our waters for generations to come. I’m glad we’re taking bipartisan action to dedicate more resources to this vital program.”*

Background:

Rep. Gallagher is committed to protecting water resources. Through his [Save the Bay](#) initiative, he brings together leaders in agriculture, academia, industry, government and nonprofit leaders identify, to share and promote conservation practices to reduce phosphorus, nitrogen and sediment flowing into the waters of Green Bay and Lake Michigan. He is also a member of the Great Lakes Task Force and has consistently supported funding for the GLRI since coming to Congress.