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Ohio Lakefront Group

Dear Ohio Lakefront Group:

Congratulations on obtaining a stipulation certifying all owners of real property abutting Lake Erie as members of a representation class in the Lake County litigation. This is an important step in protecting those owners' private property rights.

I remain committed to the principles articulated in Article I, Section 19 of the Ohio Constitution that private property rights are inviolate. As Ohio's next Governor, I will work swiftly to resolve the lakefront property ownership issue to assure the public's right to use and enjoy the waters of Lake Erie, while recognizing the private ownership rights of lakefront property owners to the abutting land consistent with their deeds and longstanding Ohio law.

I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Ken Blackwell