



26-4: Resolution Honoring GLLC Chair, Senator Laura Fine

- WHEREAS,** Illinois Senator Laura Fine served with distinction as Chair of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus (GLLC) from 2025-2026; and
- WHEREAS,** she previously served as Illinois' representative on the GLLC Executive Committee before being elected Vice Chair from 2023-2024; and
- WHEREAS,** Senator Fine co-chaired the GLLC Birkholz Institute on Climate Resiliency in 2023 and led the expansion and reorganization of the Institute; and
- WHEREAS,** under Senator Fine's leadership the GLLC has passed resolutions on PFAS and microplastics, including encouraging the designation of microplastics as a binational Chemical of Mutual Concern, and adopted a shared stewardship statement; and
- WHEREAS,** during her term as chair, she led the GLLC efforts to urge progress on the Brandon Road Interbasin Project and the reauthorization of the U.S. Great Lakes Restoration Initiative; and
- WHEREAS,** Senator Fine led the GLLC with dedication to the organization and its mission to bring legislators together to protect and restore our shared waters; and
- WHEREAS,** Senator Fine's Great lakes work has extended beyond the GLLC and includes legislative efforts in her state of Illinois, with bills to limit coal tar application, monitor forever chemicals, and restrict state use of toxic materials; and
- WHEREAS,** she has consistently advocated for legislation to reduce exposure to toxic substances and safe water consumption, now therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** that the members of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus do hereby honor Senator Fine for her service to the Caucus and for her continuing role on the Executive Committee as Past GLLC Chair; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that this resolution honoring Senator Fine stand without sunset.

Approved at the 2026 Annual Meeting on September 29, 2026