

Recent Environmental Accomplishments of Congressman Mike Rogers

Secured nearly \$5.8 million for transportation projects in Livingston and Genesee Counties. This funding will go to several projects benefiting these counties and surrounding area, helping reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality. Interchanges and improved infrastructure leads to more free-flowing traffic, reducing air emissions and saving gasoline. Buses and other mass transit systems reduce traffic congestion by giving commuters options on how to get to work, instead of sitting in traffic. The projects include:

- \$3.5 million for the I-96 / Latson Road Interchange to reduce congestion.
- \$247,000 for the purchase of new buses for the Livingston Transportation Services. New buses cause less pollution than older, run-down models.
- \$1.05 for the mass transportation system in Genesee to replace vehicles, including newer, less polluting buses.
- \$1 million to help implement an Intelligent Transportation System to track buses, allowing for more riders and less congestion.

Protection of the Great Lakes. There has been an effort in Congress to move stewardship of the Great Lakes into the federal realm. However, this is not the best way to ensure the protection and preservation of a natural resource, as the federal government is not a good steward of the land. Congressman Rogers has fought to ensure that the states that border the Lakes are responsible for their preservation. Many issues threaten the Lakes, including water diversion to southern states that could threaten wildlife habitat and make native species more vulnerable to invasive, non-native species and the 550 Canadian natural gas wells on the Lakes.

Protecting drinking water supplies from overflowing landfills. In 2000, over 4.2 million cubic yards of trash was imported from Canada to Michigan for disposal. This waste, some of it toxic, can overflow municipal sites, pollute groundwater supplies and threaten public health, as well as harm local wildlife habitat. Congressman Rogers has authored the Solid Waste International States Authority, which grants state the ability to restrict or prohibit foreign waste.

Reduce automotive air pollution. Co-sponsored a measure to reduce the number of "boutique" fuels to just three types. These new three alternatives would burner cleaner than most current types, and help keep the national supply of gasoline up, reducing cost to the consumer.