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**An industry, academia and state government partnership
is “greening” Michigan’s marina industry.
Congresswoman Candice Miller to speak at special open house.**

Livonia, Mich. – Congresswoman Candice Miller will be speaking on the topic of “Green and Clean Marinas: The perfect balance of environmental and economics in Michigan” at a special open house in Harrison Township, Mich. In addition, media and guests will learn about the greening of Michigan’s marinas, meet Michigan Clean Marina Program leaders, and tour two certified Michigan Clean Marinas, MacRay and Belle Maer Harbors, which are located side-by-side on Lake St. Clair.

Date: September 28, 2009
Schedule: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Location: MacRay Harbor, Inc.
Banquet and Event Center
30675 N. River Road
Harrison Township, MI 48085

The Michigan Boating Industries Association, Michigan Sea Grant College Program and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality joined forces several years ago in a unique and productive partnership to help the marina industry implement voluntary environmental best management practices. The partnership has been expanded to include the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth. The result: the Michigan Clean Marina Program, which has certified 32 marinas and harbors as *Michigan Clean Marinas*. An additional 43 facilities have pledged and are working toward certification.

For more information on this special open house, contacts are listed above. An agenda for the event can be located at www.mbia.org or contact Amanda Crabtree at (734) 261-0123, Ext. 200 or acrabtree@mbia.org.