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**Statement by Molly Flanagan, Alliance for the Great Lakes vice president for policy, on the signing of the Microbead-Free Waters Act of 2015 by President Obama:**

It's not often that solutions to environmental problems are so straightforward, with clear-cut alternatives so readily available. The Alliance for the Great Lakes applauds President Obama and Congress for recognizing the Microbead-Free Waters Act of 2015 as an easy lift for manufacturers and a clear win for public health, the environment and wildlife. The quick adoption of this legislation was in response to public demand and mounting regional pressure, with states and local governments taking action across the Great Lakes region. Early leadership by manufacturers who voluntarily pledged to switch from microbeads to natural abrasives helped set the stage for this law. This bipartisan solution will make our Great Lakes and ocean waters cleaner and safer for years to come.

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