



LOUISE M. SLAUGHTER
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
28TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

May 3, 2006

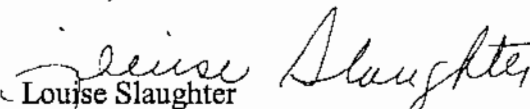
Ms. Lisa Bourget
Secretary- U.S. Section
International Joint Commission
1250 23rd Street NW Ste 100
Washington, DC 20440

Dear Ms. Bourget,

On behalf of my constituents, I am forwarding to you the enclosed letters concerning the International Joint Commission's (IJC) Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Study. The letters represent the correspondence received by my office over the past few months from individuals, government entities, and local organizations.

Please include these comments in the IJC's official record of public comments. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Christopher Zeltmann in my Rochester District Office at 585-232-4850.

Sincerely,


Louise Slaughter
Member of Congress

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cc: Mr. Russ Trowbridge, IJC Advisor

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April 25, 2006

Rochester, NY

Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter

Rochester, NY

Dear Louise:

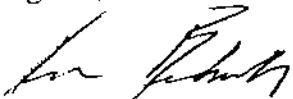
As you can see from the enclosed Lakefront Association notice, the fight to preserve the Great Lakes is back on the burner. For the umpteenth time, we need your help.

The five-year lake level study is complete and the study essentially recommends destroying all structures on the shoreline with a whopping 249 feet lake level.

I went to countless meetings by the purveyors of this study and as an engineer and editor for several scientific journals, I can tell you unequivocally it is a scientific fraud. I repeatedly asked for references to support claims and they never could come up with any. Wearing my editor hat, I would reject it because it contains baseless claims. They cannot be validated.

I am writing to ask your opinion on what we shoreline residents can do to prevent the IJC from adopting any of the absurd recommendations in the study. What should we do? Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Regards,



Kenneth G. Budinski
President, Lake Ontario Coalition



Grand View Beach Association

Meeting Notice

Monday March 20th 2006 at 7:00 PM

at

LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

30 LONG POND ROAD

Agenda:

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| Open Meeting: Introduction of Members and Guests plus Association information | Greg Pien |
| <u>Lake Ontario Study update</u> | <i>Dr. Frank Sciremammano, Jr. / Dan Barletta</i> |
| County projects report | County Legislator Doug Dobson |
| Town of Greece Highway Projects Update | Commissioner Joe Santangelo |
| Neighborhood Watch | Bob Gifford |
| Information on Discount Services & suppliers for GVB | Joe Martin/ Jim Schirmer |
| Treasurer's Report | Tony Fede |
| Comments , Suggestions or Concerns from residents | Greg Pien |

⇒ Town & County officials will be present to answer your questions

- **FLOOD WARNING: The IJC is expected to select a lake level control plan that will allow lake level to rise beyond 249 feet (most of Grand View Beach is 250 feet or lower) → THIS WILL RESULT IN A HIGH LIKELIHOOD OF FLOODING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!!!! BE HEARD AT THIS MEETING**
- **Your participation in averting this potential disaster is vital to our neighborhood. Residents need to protect the neighborhood by voicing opposition to the proposed lake level plan → write to Representative Louise Slaughter and to the IJC. More info at our meeting and on our website. DON'T LET THEM FLOOD OUR HOMES.**

Visit our website for more information at www.grandviewbeach.org



Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

MAR 28 2007

Maggie Brooks
County Executive

James P. Smith
Deputy County Executive

March 23, 2007

Honorable Louise M. Slaughter
United States House of Representatives
28th Congressional District

Rochester, New York

Re: Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence Study Board Recommendations

Dear Congresswoman Slaughter:

I thought you may be interested in the attached letter regarding Monroe County's concern for the Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Study Board's recommended plans for water level and flow management of Lake Ontario.

In addition to Dennis L. Schornack, Chairman of the International Joint Commission (IJC) U.S. Section, this letter was also sent to his counterparts at the IJC; namely:

Irene B. Brooks, Commissioner, U.S. Section
Allen I. Olson, Commissioner, U.S. Section
Herb Gray, Chairman, Canadian Section
Jack P. Blaney, Commissioner, Canadian Section
Robert Gourd, Commissioner, Canadian Section


Please join me in urging the IJC not to adopt any of the candidate plans recommended by the Study Board without inclusion of the criteria established by the existing Orders of Approval or equivalent protection for south shore communities.

Sincerely,

Maggie Brooks
Monroe County Executive

Enclosure

xc: James Smith, Deputy County Executive
Mike Garland, Deputy Director of Environmental Services
Muffy Meisenzahl, Administrator, Office of Emergency Preparedness



Office of the County Executive

Monroe County, New York

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March 17, 2006

Dennis L. Schornack
Chairman
International Joint Commission
U.S. Section
1250 23rd Street, N.W., Suite 100
Washington, D.C. 20440

Re: Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence Study Board Recommendations

Dear Chairman Schornack:

The County of Monroe expresses its concern regarding the Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Study Board's recommendations on water level and flow management for Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River.

In July 2005, I requested the Study Board create a new candidate plan that would retain Plan 1958D with deviations and the essential protections provided for the south shore communities by the criteria contained in the existing Orders of Approval. Although operation under Plan 1958D has resulted in some extreme water levels, the Plan's criteria establish an important four-foot target range of operation intended to provide protection and relief to riparians in the event of excess supply. Unless regulated by equivalent criteria, the proposed candidate plans will allow for significantly higher levels as the norm, rather than as the exception. As a consequence, all of the candidate plans, as the Study predicts, will bring a higher probability of damage from flooding and erosion to riparian interests and public infrastructure.

In Monroe County, there are approximately 37 miles of shoreline property with an estimated land value of \$230 million. The Town of Greece, which is most susceptible to the devastating effects of high lake level, has nearly nine miles of shoreline with an estimated land value of \$78 million. Any loss in shoreline land value translates into the subsequent loss in vital property tax revenue to the County and shoreline Towns. Despite repeated public comment on this issue, the economic impact of property value reduction was not included in the Study's economic evaluation.

Public infrastructure threatened by the high lake levels includes the County Pure Waters' 36-in. diameter Lake Shore sewer interceptor, Edgemere Drive, the Port of Rochester, and nearly eight miles of parkland including Ontario Beach Park and Zellweger Beach Open Space. In 1998, over 5,000 sandbags were required to protect the Monroe County Water Authority's Edgemere Pumping Station and the Brockport Water Treatment Plant. Together these facilities provide drinking water to over 600,000 residents in five counties; namely, Genesee, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, and Wayne Counties. Potential damage to this infrastructure was also ignored in the Study.

Throughout the course of the five-year Study, we operated under the assumption that municipal infrastructure and riparian interests would be better protected, not further threatened, by a new plan. As a minimum, we expected that shoreline interests would be protected as they are under the existing Orders of Approval. Despite assurances made by the Study Board, the three recommended plans were not modified to avoid or minimize the damages to south shore communities.

For over 40 years, the four-foot target range specified in the Orders of Approval has been the basis for our community's development of shoreline public infrastructure, navigation channels, and tax base. By not retaining these criteria, the Study's recommendations would remove the basic protections afforded by the U.S. and Canadian governments to our shoreline property owners and public infrastructure.

Therefore, I urge the IJC not to adopt any of the three candidate plans recommended by the Study Board without inclusion of the criteria established by the existing Orders of Approval or equivalent protection for south shore communities.

Sincerely,

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Monroe County Executive

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STATE OF NEW YORK



JOSEPH E. ROBACH
Senator, 56th District

March 22, 2006

Mr. Dennis L. Schornack, Chairman
International Joint Commission
U.S. Section
1250 23rd Street N.W., Suite 100
Washington, DC 20440

Re: Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence Study Board Recommendations

Dear Chairman Schornack:

We are writing to express our extreme concern regarding the recommendations recently made by the International Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Study Board with regards to the management of water levels and flows for Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River.

At public hearings conducted during the summer of 2005, many constituents and public officials expressed displeasure at the three plan options presented, since they would all result in higher water levels than intended under the current options. Despite assurances made at the summer public hearings to address these concerns, the three plans finally recommended were not modified to avoid or minimize the damages to the south shore communities.

As detailed at the public meetings, all three plans harm the south shore property owners and communities. While the primary damage is associated with erosion and flooding, the damages due to high and low water extremes will also cause substantial harm for recreational boating. Comments from public officials at the summer hearings pointed out the substantial economic impact to communities due to a loss in property values along the shoreline. This impact is still not addressed in the Study recommendations.

The primary justification given for the creation of extreme high and low water levels is environmental restoration. However, the primary environmental issue identified was the lack of periods of low water. This is due to the actions of the St. Lawrence River Control Board, which never allows the lake level to drop into the lower portion of the four-foot target range set by the IJC.

Instead of addressing the low water environmental concern, the Study recommends extreme water level regimes with increased high levels that are inconsistent with the natural water level regime that occurred prior to the construction of the Seaway and dam in the late

1950's. The result is increased damages to the shoreline and downstream riparian property owners and small businesses.

We have supported the commencement and continued funding of the Study over the past five years under the assumption that improvements would be provided for the south shore property owners and communities. It has also been assumed that benefits to other interests would only be provided to the extent that the existing shoreline property owners and communities would be protected to at least the extent they are under the existing Orders of Approval. The Orders currently state that:

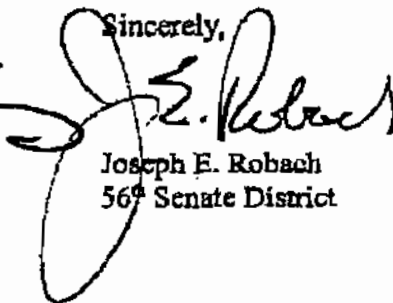
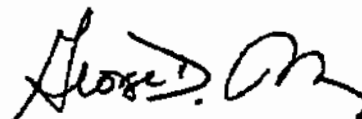
"Consistent with other requirements, the levels of Lake Ontario shall be regulated for the benefit of property owners on the shores of Lake Ontario in the United States and Canada so as to reduce the extremes of stage which have been experienced."

In addition, the current Orders of Approval provide for a target four-foot range of level on Lake Ontario, which has been relied upon for over forty years in the development and protection of the shoreline, in the design and protection of navigation channels and facilities, and in the design and operation of recreational boating docking, launching and mooring facilities.

The existing criteria in the Orders of Approval are part of a comprehensive agreement reached in the 1950's. The North Country portion of New York State receives economic benefits in the form of jobs, enhanced navigation and subsidized electricity set aside for industrial development from the NY Power Authority. The Lake Ontario shoreline and downstream Montreal area communities receive protection from extreme water levels, both high and low.

In summary, any recommendation to be considered must not remove the basic protections assured by the U. S. and Canadian governments and must not disrupt the shoreline and shoreline communities. On behalf of our shoreline residents and businesses, we urge you to not adopt any of the three operating plans recommended by the Study without further refinement that includes the criteria established by the existing Orders of Approval or establishes necessary protections for those along the south shore.

Sincerely,



George D. Maziarz
62nd Senate District

Joseph E. Robach
56th Senate District

VIM SCHIRMER

Rochester, NY.

MAR 27 RECD

Phone number

e-mail address

20 March 2006

U.S. Representative Louise Slaughter

Rochester, NY

Dear Ms. Slaughter,

As your constituents, we seek your help in averting the adoption of a governmental plan of action that is likely have catastrophic results that will result in the destruction of our homes and neighborhood.

I understand that the International Joint Commission (IJC), which is responsible for regulating the level of Lake Ontario, is about to adopt a new regulation plan that will allow the lake level to rise as high as 249 feet above mean sea level (MSL). As most of the lake front homes on Edgemere Drive are no more than 250' MSL, this will result in basement/crawlspace flooding during calm periods, and direct flooding of our homes during windy periods.

Based on our knowledge of the history of the St. Lawrence River Hydroelectric and Seaway project, we, as riparians on Lake Ontario, were promised protection through the Orders of Approval issued prior to this project's construction. The approved Criteria specifically state that the system is to be regulated to minimize the occurrence of extreme high and low water levels on Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River with a target four-foot range on Lake Ontario.

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We need you to help protect our homes!

Sincerely,

James T. Schirmer 3/24/06
name

Dear Ms. Slaughter,
Your support has always been key to protect
properties (Public + Private) along South Shore.
We need your help again.
We don't need a man made Flood!
Sincerely,

MAR 23 2006

Address
Rochester, NY, .
Phone number
e-mail address

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Sincerely,

 Pat ALTAVELA

name

MAR 23 REC'D

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Phone number
e-mail address

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Sincerely,

Richard J. Korbel
NAME

Don't give Criteria K + 1958 PD up
Thankyou

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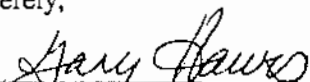
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Sincerely,



name



Rochester, NY

21 March 2006

Congresswoman Louise Slaughter

Rochester, NY

Dear Congresswoman Slaughter,

As your constituents, we seek your help in averting the adoption of a governmental plan of action that will likely result in the destruction of our homes and neighborhood.

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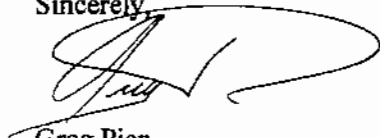
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Greg Pien
President, Grand View Beach Association

MAR 22 2006

Address

Rochester, NY,

Phone number

e-mail address

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Sincerely,


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MAR 16 2006

TOM & MARILYN CRUMLISH

Rochester, New York

Date: March 14, 2006

Honorable Louise Slaughter
US House of Representatives

Rochester, NY

Subject: International Joint Commission and Lake Ontario Water Levels

Dear Mrs Slaughter,

I am a home owner on the south shore of Lake Ontario in the Town of Greece, NY. I assume you are aware that the International Joint Commission, IJC, is very close to changing their criteria that determines where the water levels of Lake Ontario are set.

Currently the criteria keeps the lake levels between 243 and 247 feet. If the lake levels exceed 247 feet, the IJC invokes criterion K which maximizes the outflow of the lake and minimizes possible damage. This has been the criteria for 45 +years. All of the infrastructure and most peoples' breakwalls (including mine) were built to this criteria.

Unless something changes, the new criteria will expand the possible lake range level to 249 feet. Additionally they are eliminating Criterion K, so there is NO RECOURSE if the planned ranges are exceeded. Significant flooding takes place in our area once lake levels exceed 247 feet. This happens when there is a storm and we get the 3-5 foot waves that are normal for this lake.

As I understand it, the new study DID NOT TAKE WAVE ACTION INTO ACCOUNT. At 249 feet there would be significant devastation. My house would be flooded as well as most of my neighbors.

I am asking you to please, please use your position as my elected representative and STOP THIS NEW PLAN!!!!!!!!!!!!!! This will cause a HUGE loss of property value and damage in the Town of Greece.

Sincerely,



Tom Crumlish

Privacy Waiver: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, you and your staff are hereby authorized to freely discuss any and all aspects of my situation.

MAR 14 REC'D

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

MARCH 11, 2006

CONGRESSWOMAN LOUISE SLAUGHTER

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

DEAR CONGRESSWOMAN SLAUGHTER,

I HAVE JUST COMPLETED READING YOUR LATEST NEWSLETTER. I AM WRITING WITH CONCERN TO THE ARTICLE "IMPROVING OUR ENVIRONMENT - PROTECTING THE GREAT LAKES." I AM A RESIDENT ALONG THE SOUTH SHORE OF LAKE ONTARIO IN THE TOWN OF GREECE. FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS THE I. J. C., (INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION), HAS BEEN CONTEMPLATING CHANGING THE WATER LEVELS OF LAKE ONTARIO. LAST SUMMER, AT A MEETING AT THE GREECE TOWN HALL, CONCERNED RESIDENTS ADVISED THE IJC, FROM PERSONEL EXPERIENCE, THAT LEVELS ABOVE 247.6 FEET POSE THE RISK OF FLOODING OUR HOMES, STREETS AND BACK FLUSHING OUR SEWER SYSTEMS. ANYTHING APPROACHING 248 FEET CERTAINLY CAUSES DAMAGE. ENVIRONMENTALISTS ALSO SPOKE. THEY TOLD US RESIDENTS TO MOVE! DUCKS CAN BE MORE PRODUCTIVE WHEN LAYING EGGS IN WATER AT 248 FEET. WE HAVE RECENTLY LEARNED THAT THE IJC HAS NOT ONLY SIDED WITH THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS BUT WILL RAISE THE LEVEL TO 249 FEET, OR HIGHER, THIS CAN SAVE SHIPPERS THE EXPENSE OF HAVING TO PASS THRU THE LOCKS BECAUSE THE WATER WILL BE THE SAME HEIGHT ON BOTH SIDES OF THE LOCK. AT WHOSE EXPENSE?

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SINCE THE BEGINNING OF TIME. THE WINDSHIELD ON MY ^{MAR 14 1980}
CAR DISPLAYING THE DROPPINGS OF DUCKS IN FLIGHT IS
TESTIMONIAL TO THAT. THE LOCKS WERE BUILT TO PERMIT
SHIPS TO PASS THRU VARIOUS WATER LEVELS ALONG THE SAINT
LAWRENCE SEAWAY. THEY FUNCTION PROPERLY NOW AS THEY
HAVE WHEN THEY WERE CONSTRUCTED.

THE 1958 PLAN FOR LAKE LEVEL REGULATION HAS BEEN A
FAIRLY SAFE, MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED
INTERESTS AND SHOULD NOT BE CHANGED SIMPLY BECAUSE IT IS
OLD AND THE ENVIRONMENTALISTS WANT OUR HOMES TO FALL
INTO THE LAKE AS THEY CERTAINLY WILL WITH THE LEVELS
THAT THE IJC IS PLANNING ON IMPLEMENTING.

YOUR NEWSLETTER STATES THAT YOU "WILL CONTINUE THE FIGHT TO
PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT, WHILE BOLSTERING ECONOMIC
GROWTH IN WESTERN NEW YORK." DOES THAT MEAN THAT
YOU, TOO, ARE IN FAVOR OF FLOODING LAKESHORE PROPERTIES,
SIDE WITH OUTSPOKEN ENVIRONMENTALISTS FAVORING
OVER-PRODUCTIVE DUCKS AND SAVE SHIPPERS THE EXPENSE
OF HAVING TO USE THE LOCKS?

THE GRANDVIEW BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION WILL BE TOLD
OF THE IJC'S PLANS OFFICIALLY MARCH 20 7PM AT THE
LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH, 30 LONG POND ROAD 14612.

IT WOULD BE NICE IF I HAD SOMETHING POSITIVE AND
ENCOURAGING CONCERNING YOUR POSITION TO PASS ALONG TO OUR RESIDENTS.

THANK YOU

SINCERELY,
Bob Gifford

February 6, 2006

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Colonel McHardy

Sodus Point N.Y.

Phone: 315-483-4000

To: Honorable Louise Slaughter
Re: Lake Ontario Water Level Proposals

The purpose in writing this letter is that I am very concerned regarding the decisions that are being put into place by the International Joint Commission and the effect it will have on my property that I have owned since 1980. It is my primary residence. I attended a meeting on July, 2005 and much discussion was voiced regarding the water levels - Plan "A", "B", and "D". Unfortunately, all our discussions were not enough to avoid or minimize the damage to our properties. The plan in place would raise water levels to be increased to a high of 249 and low of 242. Presently the approx. level is 246. If they go 3 feet higher

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My home would be flooded. This is a beautiful Area and my grand kids come in the summer to spend time with me I do not want to leave this Area that I worked so hard to maintain. The voices that are making these decisions do not realize the impact and hardships this will cause.

This plan needs to be addressed so keep the water level maintained as we presently have. If water levels are fluctuated well above and below current levels there will be severe flood damage to homes, businesses, our Village of Sodus Point Marina business. There would be a tremendous loss in property values and property tax revenues.

I ask at this time if you would be so kind to please voice my concerns to the International Joint Commission in regards to preventing this terrible loss to occur.

Many thanks for your help.

Sincerely,
Dolores McLean

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To: Honorable James Walsh, Honorable Thomas Reynolds, and Louise Slaughter

Re: Water Levels on Lake Ontario

Has hurricane Katrina and the force of wind and water been so easily forgotten? The proposal of the IJC commission to change the water levels that have been in effect since 1958 will cause another local disaster. Alert FEMA now !

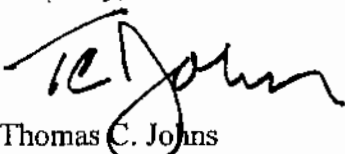
Local communities and individuals have spent billions of dollars since 1958 to improve on the Lake Ontario waterfront. Now with the action of some ill conceived commission that asked for public comment and then ignored it, we will threaten 48 years of progress.

The recommended proposals can elevate the water levels by 3 feet to 249 feet. Now add the effect of 70 and 80 mile per hour winds like we experienced in the fall of 2005, widespread flooding and shoreline erosion will follow. Conversely, low levels of 242 feet will stop the operations of marinas, restaurants and much of the local fishing in Sodus Bay. This is just what the 1958 water levels have saved.

As recently as 1973 with water levels at today's levels there was wide spread flooding in Sodus Point. Low water levels in earlier years made the channel to Lake Ontario inoperable. Is this what we want?

Help us protect ourselves and our investments from this ill conceived commission. This is one disaster that all levels of government can avert!

Sincerely,



Thomas C. Johns

Sodus Point, NY

February 1, 2006

Honorable Louise Slaughter
US House of Representatives

Washington, DC

Dear Representative Slaughter:

My dad built a summer home on Sodus Bay 50 years ago and has since passed away. I am now the owner and would like to respond to the IJC Commissioners concerning the water levels on Sodus Bay.

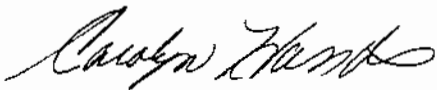
For as long as I can remember, (I'm 60 years old now) the water levels have enabled Sodus Bay, the people who live on its shores, and visitors who use the marinas great summer time pleasure.

My question is why would the IJC plan want to ruin something that has worked for several years. If they raise the level, the homes on Sodus Point and other lower levels would probably be flooded and the homes on higher levels will have water levels that will be high and dry. I know the past couple of years, come the end of August, because our cottage is in a cove, we have had a shore line and it makes it harder for us to use any of our water vehicles later on in the summer.

Please be our strong voice and represent all the people on Sodus Bay.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



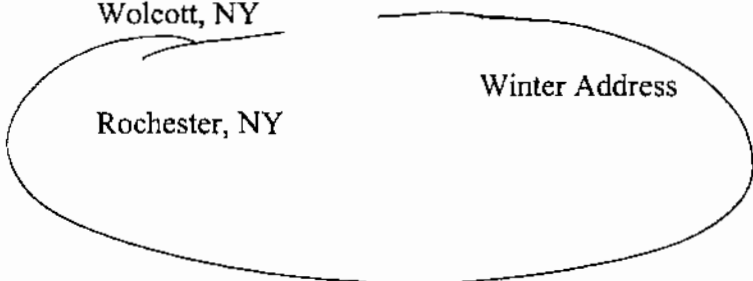
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Summer Address

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20 March 2006

U.S. Representative Louise Slaughter

Rochester, NY

Dear Ms. Slaughter,

As your constituents, we seek your help in averting the adoption of a governmental plan of action that is likely have catastrophic results that will result in the destruction of our homes and neighborhood.

I understand that the International Joint Commission (IJC), which is responsible for regulating the level of Lake Ontario, is about to adopt a new regulation plan that will allow the lake level to rise as high as 249 feet above mean sea level (MSL). As most of the lake front homes on Edgemere Drive are no more than 250' MSL, this will result in basement/crawlspace flooding during calm periods, and direct flooding of our homes during windy periods.

Based on our knowledge of the history of the St. Lawrence River Hydroelectric and Seaway project, we, as riparians on Lake Ontario, were promised protection through the Orders of Approval issued prior to this project's construction. The approved Criteria specifically state that the system is to be regulated to minimize the occurrence of extreme high and low water levels on Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River with a target four-foot range on Lake Ontario.

In our community and many others along the South shore, property owners have relied upon the approved Criteria and target water levels in the design and placement of our homes. Of course, local governments have also relied on these rules to locate and public infrastructure and in the regulation of the placement of all structures.

The IJC is now considering adoption of a new regulation plan which does not follow the approved Criteria. This candidate plan will result in an increased range of water levels, which will negatively impact the shoreline areas of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River through increased erosion and flooding. This action will imperil our neighborhood!

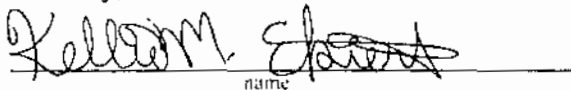
I urge you to petition the IJC to further investigate alternative operation plans to produce a more acceptable alternative or to retain the current criteria and operating plan for regulating outflows from Lake Ontario if no better alternative is found.

Please investigate and oppose the adoption of the new lake level control plan. **Failure to do so will likely result in the destruction of our community and many more like it in a misguided attempt to pacify outside interests. Please don't let the South shore of Lake Ontario become the next New Orleans!**

Our homes can be saved by ensuring that promises made in the past, which have virtually zero additional cost, are kept. The communities on Lake Ontario's South shore need to keep a lake level control plan that maintains the lake level at or below the current maximum of 247' MSL, and has controls built in to protect lakefront residents from flooding by compensating for off normal events.

We need you to help protect our homes!

Sincerely,


name

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Gregory W. Johnson

Kenmore, NY

July 19, 2005

Congressman Louise M. Slaughter

Rochester, New York

RE: Regulation of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River Water Levels

Dear Congressman Slaughter:

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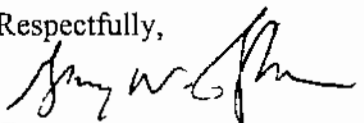
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Respectfully,



Gregory W. Johnson

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Kathleen M. Johnson

Tonawanda, NY

July 19, 2005

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3120 Federal Building
100 State Street
Rochester, New York 14614

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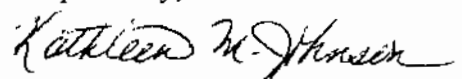
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Kathleen M. Johnson

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July 29, 2005

Congresswoman Louise Slaughter

Rochester, New York

Re: Lake levels

Dear Congresswoman:

Although we live and vote in Monroe County, we spend six months of the year on the St. Lawrence River. Over the past 40 years of our residency on Wellesley Island, we have seen a considerable drop in water levels earlier and earlier each season. This concerns us as boaters, but a greater concern is the impact and degradation of habitat and disruption of ecosystems on the river.

We urge your support of Plan B, which at this point seems the best choice, and would appreciate your letting the D.J.C. know our stance on this issue.

We understand the concerns of the people who live on

the lake in Rochester; however,
we who spend time at the
other end of the lake, and there
are many, are your constituents
also, and we, therefore, urge
you to consider an
ecologically sound position
regarding one of New York's
most beautiful and valuable
assets.

Respectfully,
Carol & Richard Fratta
Wellesley Island
Thousand Island Park, New
York



Carol Fratta