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To Whom It May Concern:

I contact you today concerning the five-year Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Study that concluded in 2005 and the subsequent new regulation plans, so-called Plans A, B, and D. Please be advised, after review of this material, that I support Plan B, now referred to as Plan B+, and respectfully request your full consideration of this proposal.

It is my belief that the final regulation plan adopted by the International Joint Commission must benefit the environment and ecosystems of the St. Lawrence River region. Additionally, I believe that the final plan must strive for the restoration of the natural ebb and flow of water levels to the pre-regulated river. I understand that Plan B+ most closely adheres to this philosophy. Finally, although it could be argued that Plan B+ may cause losses to the shoreline interests, recent studies suggest that long-term shoreline erosion is independent of water levels. Therefore, erosion will occur regardless of which water level regulation plan is put into place.

In closing, I reiterate my support of the implementation of Plan B+. It is a solid step in the on-going process of working with the outflow regulation of Lake Ontario and will create the best foundation from which to work to continually improve the management of this natural resource. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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