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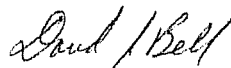
Dear Commissioners:

As a Lake Ontario shoreline resident, I am concerned about the possibility that you may be considering water level plans that would result in higher levels at times on Lake Ontario. I hope you will instead develop a plan that provides us with greater shoreline damage protection during high water events.

I have been actively involved in the Public Interest Advisory Group meetings over the last five years. Never did I see a plan that would provide greater reduction of risk for the shoreline of Lake Ontario. Please don't repeat the damage to the shoreline caused by higher general water levels since construction of the St. Lawrence River Projects of the 50's. It has taken almost 60 years for the shoreline to adjust to current levels and there is still continuing erosion in some areas.

Don't forget the damage to property during recent hurricanes as a result of inadequate protection against high water events in New Orleans. It also happened here in 1972 with the remnant of Hurricane Agnes. Let us have a plan that reduces the risk of such damage. Please adopt a plan that would provide even more safety for people and property near the water.

With hope,



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