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Dennis L. Schornack, Chairman
International Joint Commission
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FILE:

Dear Commissioner Schornack:

I am writing to express my strong objection to the recommendations of the Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Study Board regarding the management of water levels for Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River. Upon reading the final report, I was dismayed to discover that the three proposed plans— A+, B+, and D+— failed to fully assess or fairly account for the negative impact on residents, businesses, and municipalities along the south shore of Lake Ontario.

The lack of both upper and lower limits in all three proposed plans creates potential for serious damage to the properties and infrastructure of the communities along Lake Ontario and its bays. Flooding would severely damage or destroy many waterfront businesses and homes, and ruin public roads and sewage systems. Water levels that are too low would hurt the local boating industry, keeping summer visitors from bringing their business to the area. This would be particularly destructive to East Bay located on the south shore of the lake between Sodus Bay and Port Bay.

The fact that the plans only account for economic costs in the form of shoreline protection, while disregarding the great potential for both private and public property damage, is particularly disturbing. The towns of Sodus and Huron, NY and the Village of Sodus Point have a substantial combined estimated property value which has been completely disregarded by the Study Board.

For the above-stated reasons, I ask that the International Joint Commission not act upon the recommendations of the Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Study Board. I believe there is a need for greater revision to the plans before a decision is made.

Sincerely,



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