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Dennis L. Schornack, Chairman  
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Re: Comment on the report of the International Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Study Board

Dear Mr. Schornack:

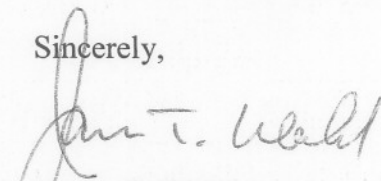
Thank you for taking the time to meet with me about the Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Study Board's recommendations to the International Joint Commission (IJC), regarding water level management for the lake and river.

I have reviewed the various proposals put forth by the study. After hearing from many of my constituents it appears that the implementation of any of these proposals has the potential for disproportionate, adverse consequences to the southern shore of Lake Ontario. In absence of a proposal that would provide safeguards or mitigation measures to protect shoreline communities, I am in favor of supporting the existing criteria for lake level management, as set forth by the Orders of Approval. I would also encourage that an adaptive management provision be included in the recommended plan. Such a mechanism would allow the impact of the plan on the various stakeholders, as well as its overall effectiveness, to be evaluated after a few years.

I have encouraged my constituents, including many south shore residents, to contact the IJC directly during the comment period. I trust that their concerns and comments will be carefully considered and taken into account as the final plan is developed.

Your consideration of these comments is appreciated. Please continue to keep me informed of the IJC's actions on this matter.

Sincerely,



James T. Walsh  
Member of Congress