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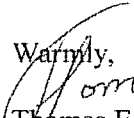
Subject: Final Report by the International Lake Ontario – St Lawrence River Study Board

Dear Elizabeth:

Let me first thank you for your September 20, 2005 reply to my letter of July 31, 2005 addressed to Chairman Dennis L. Schornack. Secondly, I was especially pleased to learn of your Secretariat appointment. There could not have been a better choice. Congratulations.

I understand replies to the Final Report should be directed to your office. The comments I expressed in my July 31, 2005 letter to Chairman Schornack still stand. I can only add now my disappointment that after so much commitment to this expensive and lengthy study, the final report still falls short of a meaningful environmental plan. My continued hope is that the Commission will return the Study Boards recommendations with a call for a more meaningful environmental plan recommendation. In the absence of that happening, than at the very least for any environmental benefits to be achieved, I feel it is incumbent on the Commissioners to select Plan B+. Furthermore, for any chance in future years to improve environmental benefits, Plan B+ needs to be linked to an adaptive management approach.

There is need as well for tighter discretionary deviation controls than stated in the final report, or we are likely to see little actual regulation change. Maybe this admonition comes from the many years on the Board of Control that I had the pleasure of serving.

Warmly,

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