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Canadian Section Secretary  
International Joint Commission  
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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to support your selection of Plan A+ and in opposition to Plan B+.

My wife and I own a small island near the Village of Ivy Lea in the 1000 Islands region of the St. Lawrence River. We actively use small motor boats for transport to and from the mainland and for travel on the St. Lawrence River.

We have reviewed several submissions to the IJC. We are of the view that Plan A+ is the best for boating by reducing exposure to low water levels. It is also the best for managing boat docking facilities which are fundamental to boating on the River.

We have not studied in detail the differential environmental impacts of Plan A+ and Plan B+. However, it is our understanding that there is considerable uncertainty about whether Plan B+ is better for the environment than Plan A+.

It is important to acknowledge that the Thousand Islands Association, a well established organization representing island and waterfront property owners, boaters and businesses on both the Canadian and U.S. sides of the St. Lawrence is strongly in support of Plan A+ and in opposition to Plan B+.

Yours truly,

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