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FILE:

Dear Ms. Bourget:

My family had a farm that ran down to Lake Ontario in the County of Monroe, Town of Hamlin, New York. In the 1920s my grandfather E.E. Collamer and his brother George sold off lake front properties because there was an interest and the land could not be farmed.

As a child I summered at that beach called Shore Acres. We had beautiful natural sandy beaches. All was well until mankind messed with the natural flow of Lake Ontario through the St. Lawrence River. The dam placed at Massena changed things.

Since that time our family has suffered untold property damage. We had to raise our cottage 3 feet and the beautiful natural beach has been ruined.

We've had to go to the great expense of putting in a stone retaining wall to protect what little property we have left.

Because we have a long family history at Shore Acres we have seen the continuation of man's meddling with nature. Bad guesses on lake levels have caused much destruction.

The idea that you would spend millions of dollars on a study appalls me. And, that you might come to the conclusion that Lake Ontario needs to be higher frightens me.

Shipping, leisure boating and Hydro Eclectic to the degree that they are done, could never make back the huge amount of money that has been spent by individual tax payers trying to protect damaged property all along the south shore.

Our family alone has lost 50 feet of lakefront.

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Please contact me and come to see for yourselves what you have done to us. It is a shame and a disgrace and you need to stop any further destruction of our beautiful shoreline.

Until you can safely manage the lake level and time has proven that you can't, leave things alone or better, take out that dam at Massena and let Mother Nature do her beautiful best.

Yours truly,



Jeannie Collamer Randall

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