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To Whom It May Concern:

As a marina owner in the 1000 islands, I need to stress how important it is to the River community that the right plan be adopted for water level management going forward... Plan A+

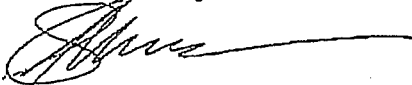
Ed Huck Marine, a certified Ontario "Clean Marine" has existed in Rockport for over 119 years and 4 generations of family ownership. Some years are better than others and often our fortunes are tied to factors beyond our control, primarily economic and weather related.

After reviewing the various proposed plans, it is somewhat obvious how detrimental it would be to the entire River community should a plan be adopted that advocates further reductions in water levels. Like all environments over time, the River community has evolved both ecologically and economically. No plan can take us back to the days before the Seaway was built and many factors have changed the landscape. Many people make their home and livelihood from these flowing waters... not harming their surroundings but co existing with them.

As we know, the River has an added benefit over other navigable fresh waterways... a series of controllable dams. With knowledge that Global warming trends will only make water retention ever more challenging, I cannot endorse any plan that would knowingly release excess water that we will need in future years.

Ed Huck Marine employs 36 local people in the hamlet of Rockport Ont. Any action that makes boating more difficult, directly or indirectly decreases property values or harms the River ecosystem cannot be a good thing and for that reason Ed Huck marine endorses plan A+ with its more moderate variance in water level management

Respectfully



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