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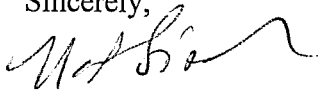
May 23rd, 2008

Dear Mr. Bevacqua:

I am writing to you from the perspective of a local citizen, one whose family has lived along the St. Lawrence Seaway for generations. We have the opportunity to better manage this most crucial water resource of Lake Ontario, and to do it now, in a time of increased water consumption by municipalities, and to balance it better for our fisheries, our shipping—oh so necessary in this time of increased fuel costs—as well as for our hydro stations, which are one of the few local clean energy sources we have. I urge you, and the International Joint Commission to adopt a firm deadline to implement PLAN B+.

We drink this water, we use it for farm production, we eat the fish that come from it, we swim in it, travel on it, recreate on it and ship our goods by it. If this plan is not implemented, and done so promptly, we will certainly see a reduction in all of those activities—from the ships that ground in our harbors, to the fish and wildlife dies offs from increased pollution in lower water levels. Everyone's quality of life will suffer for it—not just a few hicks from rural northern NY. Many goods and services travel this waterway—why not preserve it, instead of having to try to fix it later?

Sincerely,



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