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International Joint Commission, U.S. Section  
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Dear Secretary,

My wife and I want to express our disbelief in the consideration to utilize Plan B+ in the management of the lake level on Lake Ontario.

The lack of both upper and lower limits in the plan creates tremendous potential for extensive damage to the communities on Lake Ontario. Flooding would seriously damage or destroy many waterfront homes and businesses and ruin public roads and sewage systems. Water levels that are too low would devastate the boating and tourism industry, ruining our livelihood and quality of life in Sodus Point and in many other communities on the Lake Shore.

As a resident of Sodus Bay, New York and a sailor of Lake Ontario, I urge the Commission to honor its 50 year old commitment to the protection of the south shore of Lake Ontario. Since the 1950's, millions of dollars of private, commercial, and public investment has been made based on an understanding that the lake levels would be controlled. Any new protocol that does not limit the high and low water extremes could have severe economic consequences to our region.

The fact that the plan does not account for economic costs in the form of shoreline protection and disregards the enormous potential for private and public property damage, is particularly disturbing! New York State, the Town of Sodus and the Village of Sodus Point have a substantial combined property value which has been completely disregarded by the Study Board. You can be sure that we are seeking legal assistance regarding the potential loss to our property value including our dock and boat due to your actions.

For the above stated reasons, we ask that the International Joint Commission not act upon the recommendations of the Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Study Board unless Plan 2007 is approved and includes a control of the water within four foot limits.



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