

Dear Secretary Rice and the IJC,

It has come to my attention that the conditions of Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence River have been degrading, and I feel it will have a negative impact on my family and me. Not only does Lake Ontario provide us with fresh drinking water, but it also is a shelter to many animals in our area. Our family goes there many times over the summer vacation too see the wildlife and nature. I learned that the artificially controlled waters are causing a decrease in these benefits. The Environmentally Sound Water Management Plan has a great solution to these problems, and I encourage you to adopt it as soon as possible. Our lives just wouldn't be the same without it so please put Plan B+ into effect.

Sincerely, *Sam Ashman*

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