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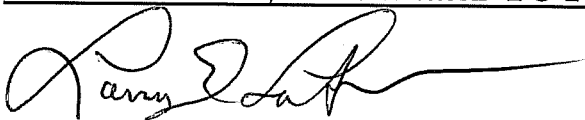
Sodus Point,

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“As a resident property owner and avid fisherman/boater enthusiast on Lake Ontario and specifically the Sodus Bay area of New York State, I urge the Commission to honor its 50 year old commitment for the protection of the south shore of Lake Ontario. Since the 1950's, millions of dollars of private, commercial, and public investment have been made, based on an understanding that the lake levels would be humanly controlled. Any new protocol that does not limit the high and low water extremes based on a proven plan could have severe economic consequences to our region.

Since my parents first built a seasonal cottage at the end of Fourth Street (#7590) right on the beach back in 1949, the 63 feet of Lake Frontage was always changing, not only due to seasonal weather erosion or accretion but mostly due to the water levels as controlled by the SEAWAY AUTHORITY, thereby placing the residence in a constant state of peril. When the IJC established a controlled lake level plan in 1958, the residents in Sodus Point finally had some peace of mind, thereby allowing future expansion for residential and commercial growth based on this “PLAN 2007”. **SO LET'S KEEP WHAT WE HAVE!**

I support any plan that provides a four foot high/low limit, as the entire Sodus Point area and southern shores of Lake Ontario should be safe from any other lake level extremes. To change the IJC plan after 50 years of minimal property damage just for the sake of some special interest groups is certainly NOT THE AMERICAN WAY! Remember the old saying: **“IF IT AIN”T BROKE, DON’T TRY TO FIX IT”!**



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