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Dear Frank Bevacqua,

I am writing to you regarding my concerns with the environment and in particular, the ecosystem of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River. Both bodies of water have suffered losses of vital wetlands which have adversely impacted many fish species and nesting water birds. The time has come to adopt an environmentally sound water management plan before it is too late. My understanding is that the IJU has developed a more ecologically-friendly, international water level management plan called Plan B+ which will benefit fish and wildlife, ship navigation, and clean hydro power production. We must not delay. The International Joint Commission and the U.S. Department of State must support a healthy Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence River ecosystem. The B+ plan must be implemented now. There is no time to waste. I am praying that your surname, which I believe translates *drink water*, is a good omen.

Yours truly,


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