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To: The Secretary, U.S. Section  
International Joint Commission  
2401 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W. 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20440

Re: Water level - Lake Ontario - St. Lawrence River

Dear Sir,

I am one of twelve Townhouse residents living on the shore of the St. Lawrence River in the Village of Clayton, N.Y.. I have lived here on the River or vacationed here since 1943. I have witnessed many changes in the water level of the River but the last few years have been especially difficult for us boaters and marina operators.

For example we home owners have several floating docks in a bay south of Washington Island which accomodates our boats. Last year I had to remove my boat from the water because the water level had dropped so much by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> that we could no longer get to the docks without damaging the boat. Marina operators were also impacted by this loss of water depth.

We home owners are now facing the expenditure of from \$60,000 to \$100,000 to have our docks removed and the area dredged by a local excavator.

I realize that I am just one small voice trying to make my case heard from among the shouting of many on both sides of this issue. It is however, not fair or environmentally sound that the International Joint Commission should lower the water level so drastically to satisfy the few people who have chosen to live so close to the shoreline of the Lakes.

This reduction in the water level is adversely affecting the economy of this already depressed area of the State and Country.

I support plan B+ which has been proposed as the most reasonable and fair plan to those of us who use and love the River and Lakes of this endangered region.

Thank you,

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