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Dear International Frank Bevacqua, COMMISSION

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A healthy Lake Ontario is important to my family and I. Since the lake is rarely clean enough to swim in, we don't often go to the nearby beach to swim. We would love to if it were clean enough. However, this is no longer the case for Charlotte Beach, and I have heard numerous similar stories of nearby beaches. This is also bad for our economy. Restaurants and other businesses on the lake front are losing customers that they could have had if the beach was cleaner. Customers that may have came after a long day of swimming no longer arrive at local restaurants. There was a time when the water was clean, the fish were healthy, and people from all over the county would flock to the nearby beach to spend their weekends. This is no longer the case. It would also be nice if the fish were healthy enough to eat again. As a fisherman it is always sad when I catch a nice large fish that i cannot enjoy because the nearby creek that I fish in is contaminated with toxins and poison. This is no exaggeration. A friend of mine is a chemisrty major. One day he tested the nearby creek for various chemicals. As it turns out, it tested positive for several chemicals including cyanide. That creek runs straight out to Lake Ontario. I urge you to adopt a firm deadline to implement plan B+, and i would appreciate if you could respond to my concerns in writing. Thank you for your time.



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