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Ms. Irene Brooks, U.S. Chair
International Joint Commission
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Washington , DC 20440

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**Comments on the Proposed Water Levels Management Regime
for the St. Lawrence River**

Dear Madam:

I have followed the entire process of scientific inquiry, public input, stakeholder input over the last three years on this critical decision for the future of the St. Lawrence River.

I am astonished that the IJC is poised to continue the destructive Plan D regime of the last fifty years in the form of Plan 2007 despite \$20 million in scientific studies that have told you that a change to Plan B+ is critical for the health of the river. Are you just going to ignore the facts in this historic decision? Your staff have worked hard to work out accommodations with a number of interests that have had concerns about B+. Virtually all of them except the south shore of Lake Ontario homeowners, and suddenly Quebec, have stated that they could live with B+. I surmise that Quebec can too if you sit down with their officials.

The IJC's reputation for integrity and credibility is at stake here. Concern about the IJC's proposal is growing among the affected states, provinces and the U.S. Congress. I urge you to do the right thing and choose B+ for the river. Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

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President, Save the River

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