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Dear International Joint Commission:

I am writing to recommend that the IJC adopt plan 2007 to protect our properties on Lake Ontario.

I understand that environmentalists want to allow the water levels to go back to a more natural state. I consider myself an environmentalist - I have campaigned to stop the use of toxic herbicides in Sodus Bay and I am a member of the Sierra Club. I chair the environment committee for my school district and I am starting a green task force in my town.

My dilemma is that I am also a homeowner and that my property, a home that has been in my family for generations, will be destroyed by high water levels.

Homeowners on Lake Ontario desperately need help to protect their fragile lands. Our home is on the elbow of Crescent Beach leading to Charles Point on Sodus Bay. At one point, the bar is so narrow that only a 2 foot wide path remains dividing the two ends of the peninsula. High waters have washed away the rest of the land and soon Lake Ontario will break through Crescent Beach and enter Sodus Bay. Has anyone studied the environmental impact of this impending break-through?

What type of remediation will be made available for homeowners who want to protect their homes from the destruction that high water levels will cause? Why is the Army Corps of Engineers not involved in creating plans for protecting the coast of Lake Ontario when high waters hit? We have never been given any assurance that support will be provided to homeowners if water levels are allowed to go back to their 'natural' levels. (How do we measure what is natural when active locks are in place on the St. Lawrence)?

I urge you to create a plan that will protect wildlife and homeowners...it can be done and must be done to protect Sodus Bay from becoming Lake Ontario.

Sincerely,



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