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DEAR MR. BEVACQUA,

I AM WRITING THIS LETTER OFFERING MY SUPPORT OF THE PLAN B+ INITIATIVE AS IT PERTAINS TO LAKE ONTARIO AND THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER WETLANDS. NEVER BEFORE HAS THE IMPORTANCE AND FRAGILITY OF WETLANDS BEEN DEMONSTRATED AS WHEN HURRICANE KATRINA MADE LANDFALL IN LOUISIANA. MUCH OF THE FLOODING WAS ATTRIBUTED TO THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND THEIR POLICY OF DRAINING AND RECLAIMING MANY OF THE WETLANDS AND NATURAL DRAINAGE BASINS AROUND NEW ORLEANS. HEALTHY WETLANDS ARE VITAL TO ANY HEALTHY ECO SYSTEM, WHETHER IN LOUISIANA OR UP STATE NEW YORK.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

SINCERELY,

JAMES SHURTLEFF

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