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September 5, 2013

Honorable Lana Pollack, Chair  
United States Section  
International Joint Commission  
2000 L Street, NW, Suite #615  
Washington, DC 20440

Dear Chair Pollack:

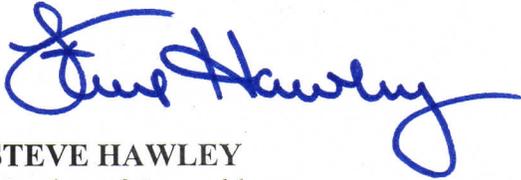
I am writing once again to share my ongoing concerns regarding the International Joint Commission's "Plan 2014" and its impact on my constituent's properties and businesses.

I would like to reiterate my strong opposition to the IJC's "Proposal for Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence River Regulation," which would implement dramatic, far reaching and potentially devastating changes to the regulation of Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River water levels. Without consideration of the property owners, a rise in the lake level would create many adverse effects to their properties. The increase in the lake level would result in the loss of property and beaches with erosion decreasing the assessed value of the shoreline properties. The expense of installing break walls to protect their homes and businesses would be cost prohibitive and the homeowners would be expected to pay a higher premium on their flood insurance because of the increased risk of flooding.

The environment would also be effected as well with the release of toxins that would be encapsulated in the shoreline, pond and marsh sediments. Another possible effect to the environment would be the destruction of existing marsh and shallow water nesting habitats for birds and fish. The possibility of sewage discharge from the hybrid septic systems is another possibility. As an agricultural area the rise in the lake waters could delay spring operations due to slow drainage from fields to streams and tributaries which would result in lost income.

I am confident that you will take into consideration all of the critical concerns I have outlined. I look forward to hearing from you and I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (585)-589-5780.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Hawley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a long, sweeping underline.

**STEVE HAWLEY**  
Member of Assembly

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