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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

I write to you today to invite you to take a look at the current proposal by the International Joint Commission (IJC) addressing water levels across the south shore of Lake Ontario: Proposed Plan 2014. I have been working closely with community members over the past year during this plans development process.

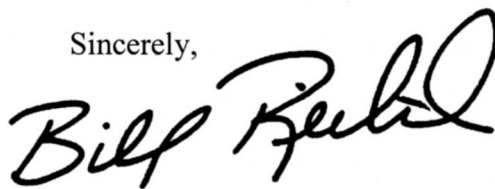
Through my work with the local community it is clear that adjustments to Lake Ontario water levels introduced by Plan 2014 cause concern for the safety and well-being of many individuals and their homes. Data that is being used in the Plan is outdated and inaccurate; it includes estimated property values from data collected in a 2000-2006 Lake Ontario – St. Lawrence River (LOSL) Study estimate costs concerned with coastal damages. Since this original LOSL Study, the Town of Greece, NY has reassessed its shoreline properties two more times without any decline in value.

Additionally, there is still disproportionate loss concentrated on the south shore. The total annual damages for coastal and recreational boating are centered on the six south-shore counties, with the majority in Monroe County, resulting in increased Spring Storm/Flooding Risk. The six counties in question along the south shore have approximately 10,025 parcels of land with a total assessed value of \$3.7 billion dollars; estimating annual maintenance at 1% results in an approximate \$37 million price tag to both public and private landowners.

It is my understanding that your office will have the opportunity to weigh in on this important economic grassroots matter. I urge you to visit the south shore counties to witness property damage from already high water levels, to discuss with our localities along the south shore how increased levels will effect assessment values and local tax revenues, and to call upon the IJC to further reconsider their proposed deviations.

As always, I am available to assist you with any further questions that you may have. Please feel free to contact me at any time. Thank you for your consideration in advance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Reilich". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" and "I" in the last name.

William D. Reilich
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