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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
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Dear Governor Cuomo:

Over the past few months, my staff and I have met with various groups and constituents regarding recommendations by the International Joint Commission (IJC) in regards to their new plan, BV7, and how it will regulate the flows and levels of the Lake Ontario/St. Lawrence River system. They are concerned that the implementation of this plan will cause increased damages to properties along the southern shore of Lake Ontario.

As south shore riparian's, these constituents have a vested interest in the outcome of these recommendations. It is their impression that Plan BV7 will increase damages to Lake Ontario coastal communities while decreasing them to other interests when compared to plan B+ while no justification has been given by the IJC regarding this distribution of damages. Furthermore, they believe that the reasoning for rejecting Plan B+ in 2007, such as lack of mitigation resources have not changed in regards to Plan BV7.

It is my hope that as this process continues, that you and members of your administration will meet with the stakeholders involved in the progression of the new IJC plan, including those who live along the south shore and hear their concerns regarding all possible outcomes of a raise in Lake Ontario water levels.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this important issue and if I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph E. Robach". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "J" and "R".

Joseph E. Robach
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