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Hon. John Katko  
United States House of Representatives  
1123 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Re: International Joint Commission on Lake Ontario Water Levels

Dear Congressman Katko:

This letter is to thank you for your recent letter with Congressman Chris Collins to the Committee on Appropriations' State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs subcommittee, calling on Congress to add language barring the use of federal money to implement the International Joint Commission (IJC) Lake Ontario- St. Lawrence River Plan, also known as Plan 2014, to an appropriations bill.

This proposed plan, will have a devastating impact on the residents of Wayne County and in particular, those towns with lake access. As you know, the proposed regulations would allow water levels in Lake Ontario to consistently fluctuate outside the parameters that have been in place for over 50 years, causing the loss of shoreline, erosion damage to property and flooding in lakefront areas of Wayne, Monroe, Cayuga, and Oswego Counties.

Like you, we believe a moratorium on the development of any future proposals by the IJC is needed until a thorough, objective, and all inclusive analysis of the potential economic damages to tourism, recreation, business and homes along the south shore of Lake Ontario, can be undertaken.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

  
Michael F. Nozzolio,  
Senator, 54th District

  
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Assemblyman, 128th District