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Senator Mitch McConnell
Senate Majority Leader, United States Senate
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Dear Senator McConnell,

We write to you today with great urgency of bringing to the floor the vote to confirm the nominated members for the International Joint Commission (IJC). As you may be aware, back in August of 2018, President Trump announced his three (3) nominees to sit on the board. Those intended representatives are Jane Corwin, Robert Sisson, and Lance Yohe.

The IJC was responsible for researching and creating Plan 2014, which eroded shorelines of Lake Ontario and caused millions of dollars' worth of damages to both residential and business properties. Those members who had a hand in this plan have since stepped down from the IJC. The three aforementioned individuals are anxious to act as our nation's representatives on a joint board that impacts the United States and Canada.

Lake Ontario levels are currently already higher than average, and nearing the destructive levels that were reported in 2017. Holding this vote to confirm the nominated individuals is another vital step in managing the manmade damages that the IJC created for our constituents. We were fortunate enough to pass emergency funding for businesses, homeowners, and local governments the last time Lake Ontario reached dangerous levels. New York and the federal government certainly cannot keep footing the bill to repair damages that are the result of an ill-designed plan.

We respectfully request that you bring the vote to confirm these nominees who can amend and change the plans set forth by Plan 2014. Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of our offices should you have any questions of concerns.

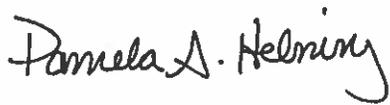
Sincerely,

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Robert G. Ort
State Senator, 62nd District

Handwritten signature of Rich Funke in black ink.

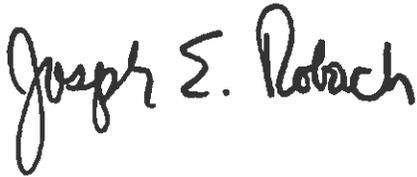
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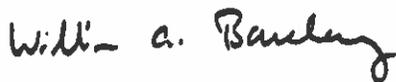
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