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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
28TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK
February 1, 2012

Ms. Lana Pollack
U.S. Section Chair
International Joint Commission
2000 L Street NW, Suite 615
Washington, District of Columbia 20440

Dear Ms. Pollack,

I write to draw you attention to a growing concern among riparians along the shore of Lake Ontario. I have been contacted by members of the community along Lake Ontario regarding the new approach to manage the lake levels and flows in the Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River System.

The concern is with the proposed public meeting during the month of March. I know that we agree on the great value of the comments process. It was suggested to me that the month of March is too soon to garner a full understanding of the new approach to be prepared for a March meeting, that there is not adequate time to spread the word about the meeting and that weather conditions in March may not be preferable for people to travel long distances to the meeting.

I respectfully draw this concern to your attention so that you may take it into consideration when scheduling public meetings on the new approach. In addition, I do believe that more than one public meeting on the new approach may provide a more agreeable platform to be informative about the new approach and allow time address comments and concerns.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louise Slaughter".

Louise M. Slaughter
Member of Congress