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Canadian Environmental Law Assn.
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Dear Sir/Madam:

The purpose of this letter is to enlist your assistance in the formation of an Advisory Board to the International Joint Commission. As you may be aware, the Commission is a joint United States and Canadian body created by the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 to assist the two countries in resolving matters of joint concern. I have enclosed a pamphlet which describes the activities of the International Joint Commission.

In a letter from the Governments of the United States and Canada, dated April 15, 1977, the International Joint Commission was requested to form an Advisory Board to assist it in obtaining information regarding a number of matters which are related to the Commission's continuing responsibilities regarding Great Lakes water supplies, levels and flows.

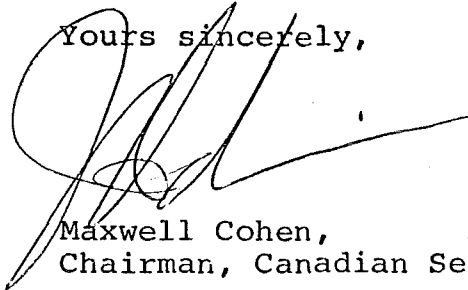
Since receipt of the request from the Governments, the Commission has considered various options, and consulted with the Governments further, concerning the functions and composition of the Advisory Board. As a result, it has been decided to establish a sixteen-member Board, having two Federal, two State or Provincial and four citizen representatives from each country. This structure is required to provide both the range of technical advice and broadly-based public input needed to provide recommendations to the Governments, while keeping the Board manageable in size. I have enclosed a copy of the Commission's Directive to the new Board which outlines its functions, responsibilities and mode of operation, as well as a copy of the original letter from the Governments.

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The Commission believes that this Board will provide a valuable service if it is properly constituted. We are interested in obtaining strong representation from all sectors. In this regard we are inviting suggestions from a number of concerned organizations and individuals within the Great Lakes Basin as to who might serve as citizen representatives on the Board. We would welcome any suggestions from you on this matter by December 15, 1978. Those individuals interested in being considered for membership on the Board should respond with relevant details of their interest and qualifications.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Maxwell Cohen', written over a horizontal line.

Maxwell Cohen,
Chairman, Canadian Section.

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