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Commissioner Gordon Durnil, Chair  
International Joint Commission  
2001 "S" Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20440

Dear Commissioner Durnil:

This letter is being written on behalf of citizens who participated in a Remedial Action Plan workshop Saturday, October 14 at the conclusion of the IJC Biennial meeting in Hamilton. Many Remedial Action Plan areas and a wide range of citizen groups were represented at this meeting.

Governments, industry and citizens have invested considerable time and energy in the Remedial Action Plan process. Citizens view Remedial Action Plans as a major method by which the pollution and other problems of the Great Lakes can be addressed. Citizens at this workshop expressed grave concern about the lack of formal citizen review of the RAP reports.

The participation of citizens in Remedial Action Plans in local areas has varied, and the ability of citizens to contribute effectively to the process has not been uniform.

Because of the importance of the Remedial Action Plans, citizens want a formal mechanism by which non-governmental groups could review the RAPs.

It is our belief that these citizen RAP reviews should be formally incorporated into the IJC review process and that funds be allocated for this activity.

We would appreciate this review process being established immediately and would be willing to meet with you or your staff to formalize this process. We will be looking forward to your written reply.

Sincerely,

John Jackson, President

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Same letter to Robert S.K. Welch, Donald Totten, E. Davie Fulton

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