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December 8, 1999

Nan Shuttleworth
The Salamander Foundation
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Dear Nan,

Re: Charitable Receipt of Grant

At its meeting on November 24, 1999 the Board of Directors of the Resource Library for the Environment and the Law voted to accept your grant for the project "Ontario at a Watershed" as one of the foundations educational research projects. The project will be subcontracted to the Canadian Environmental Law Association to administer.

Please amend your records to reflect that this grant was made to the Resource Library for the Environment and the Law. A final report on this project will be submitted in April 2000.

Thank you for your generous support.

Yours truly,

Sarah Miller
Treasurer

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May 23, 2001

The Honourable Dennis R. O'Connor
Commissioner
The Walkerton Inquiry
180 Dundas Street West, 22nd floor
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Justice O'Connor,

An Act to Conserve Ontario Waters

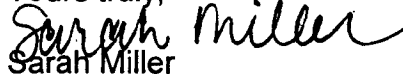
Today the Canadian Environmental Law Association CELA is submitting their model water law *An Act to Conserve Ontario Waters* to the Walkerton Inquiry for use in your Part 2 deliberations. CELA received a grant from the Salamander Foundation in 1999 for a project to examine water management in Ontario. The culmination of this project is this model water law.

We contracted CELA Board Member, Lawyer Joseph Castrilli to draft this act in response to the growing number of concerns we were receiving from people all over Ontario about water management, allocation and supply issues and conflicts. These issues ranged from depletion of rural groundwater supplies caused by over-permitting use to bulk water removals.

We feel that this work is very germane to many issues being discussed in expert meetings being held for Part 2 of your Inquiry. This act proposes ways to address water sustainability from both a watershed and a financial perspective. It proposes to set up a fund built from charging for water-taking permits that can be utilised to overcome the lack of resources to implement watershed management, assess groundwater supplies, and establish a water database to improve the water-taking process.

Today, we will be calling on all three Ontario Parties to support the passage of this act. *An Act to Conserve Ontario Waters*, coupled with the paper CELA submitted on the need for a Safe Drinking Water Act, offers a comprehensive legislative reform package for safe and secure water for future Ontarians.

Yours truly,



Sarah Miller
Co-ordinator

cc: James Van Loon

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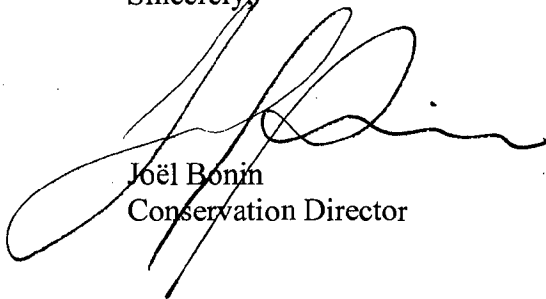
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Dear Sarah Miller,

Thanks for sending me a draft of your Model Water Law for Ontario. That masterpiece of work is very inspiring and I am looking forward to sharing this with the people at the Quebec Environmental Law Center as soon as this is made public.

The Nature Conservancy should be undertaking at the end of the year a research program on legal tools to grant or hold easements to protect natural springs habitat in Quebec and northern New York State. Your work should be of great use then.

Sincerely,



Joël Bonin
Conservation Director