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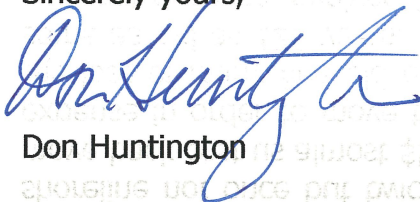
Dear Commission Members:

Our property is on the eastern shore of Lake Michigan. I understand the IJC has asked the Upper Great Lakes Study Board to explore ways in which the levels of Lakes Michigan and Huron could be raised by up to 20 inches. From our standpoint, this would be catastrophic and we urge the Commission to just let nature take its course.

Despite having spent many thousands of dollars on seawalls and other shoreline protection measures, we have experienced significant erosion along our shoreline due to the periods of extreme high water over the past 50 years. As a result, our house has had to be moved back from the shoreline not once but twice: once in 1977 and again in 1997. The last move back cost us almost \$50,000. Nine of our neighbors suffered similar expense in order to move their houses back. The move also resulted in the loss of many fine old trees – white pine, maple, beech and red oak, some as old as 125 years. The loss of these beautiful old trees and the financial expense involved in the move was very upsetting and stressful for us.

Needless to say, we fervently hope the Commission will not seek to raise the lake levels as this would inevitably increase the rate of shoreline erosion with resultant adverse impact on shoreline property owners.

Sincerely yours,


Don Huntington