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John S. Hurley, Lieutenant Colonel
US Army Corps of Engineers District Commander
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Dear Colonel Hurley:

I appreciate the opportunity to contribute my input on the establishment of a Department of Defense Restoration Advisory Board for the former Lake Ontario Ordinance Works site located in the Towns of Lewiston and Porter.

I have lived my entire 75 years in this beautiful County of Niagara. I am proud of the people and their contributions to the good life which makes Niagara a greater place to live and raise a family.

I believe the USACE's dissolving of the LOOW RAB is the wrong course of action and a slap in the face of the many concerned individuals and organizations that have provided the community with information and updates for future cleanup activities at LOOW. The Resident Advisory Board has played an important role for the community and are appreciated for the information about the site and possible solutions to the public concerns.

Colonel, we live in a world of open communication and it seems this new DOD RAB may be an attempt to silence the community.

I believe you were requesting whether I had interest in the Buffalo District establishing a DOD RAB forum. My interest is for your office and the Buffalo District to reconsider your decision to dissolve LOOW RAB. I believe the final decision in dissolution should be in the hands of a higher authority than you hold as the installation Commander at the Buffalo District Office.

I am hoping that further dialogue be used to resolve this disagreement. It is only fair to the Niagara community and the citizen advisory groups that have played a critical role over many years on environmental and public health issues that impact our area.

Sincerely,

William L. Ross, Chairman
Niagara County Legislature

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