

**Senator
John Marty**

Senate
State of Minnesota

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Honorable Condoleezza Rice
Secretary of State
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Dr. Rice,

As Chair of the Minnesota Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee, I'm writing to seek your support for the Canadian government's request to submit the state of North Dakota's Devils Lake Outlet Project to the International Joint Commission (IJC) for an expedited scientific review.

This long-term water diversion and drainage project involves significant environmental issues for stakeholders in the United States and Canada. The 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty between the U.S. and Canada and the independent bi-national commission established by the treaty provides the principles and structure to deal with just this kind of issue.

I hope you can support the widespread interest in obtaining IJC review of this far-reaching project. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

John Marty

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Cc: Consul General Kim Butler ✓
Cc: International Joint Commission