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The Right Honourable Paul Martin, PC, MP  
Prime Minister of Canada  
80 Wellington Street, Langevin Block  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear Prime Minister:

I am writing to you regarding the State of North Dakota's construction of an outlet from Devils Lake — a matter on which Premier Doer and I had a discussion this week.

The Great Lakes Commission, of which both Ontario and Québec are associate members, recently sent a letter to the United States Secretary of State urging that the Devils Lake issue be referred to the International Joint Commission "to ensure a credible and objective assessment of environmental impacts associated with this proposed transboundary water diversion." Ontario fully supported that letter.

Ontario's support for this action reflects our concern, shared with Manitoba, that the Devils Lake outlet would create pollution and increase the risk of invasive species. We are also concerned that North Dakota is ignoring the authority of the Boundary Waters Treaty.

The Government of Ontario endorses the efforts of your government and of the Government of Manitoba to refer this issue to the International Joint Commission. Please accept my personal best wishes.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dalton McGuinty".

Dalton McGuinty  
Premier

c: The Honourable Gary Doer  
Premier of Manitoba

