International Joint Commission
Great Lakes Regional Office
40th Anniversary Messages of Congratulations
March 6, 2013

Congratulations to the Staff and Members of the International Joint Commission’s Great Lakes Regional Office in Windsor on 40 years of protecting our Great Lakes. Together we are improving water quality and preserving important habitat. Your efforts ensure we will leave the Great Lakes restored, protected and enhanced for future generations.

Jeff Watson, MP
Essex

I offer my congratulations to the staff of the International Joint Commission’s Great Lakes Regional Office as they celebrate 40 years of exceptional work in improving the water quality of the Great Lakes. The partnership between the United States and Canada on this important subject has proven successful in fighting some of the Great Lakes’ biggest challenges and restoring the integrity of our region’s most important ecosystem. I’m proud of the extraordinary work you have accomplished in the past 40 years and I look forward to and stand ready to support the work you will continue in the years to come.

Congressman John D. Dingell
U.S. Representative (MI-12)

Congratulations to the IJC’s Great Lakes Regional Office on their 40th Anniversary and much thanks for their excellent work as a transnational agency in improving the health of the Great Lakes and for their ongoing contribution to the environment generally.

Hilary Payne
Councillor Ward 9
City of Windsor

I am delighted to have the opportunity to join in congratulating the IJC’s Great Lakes Regional Office on its 40th Anniversary. We are truly fortunate to have enjoyed the advocacy of this dedicated group of experts over the last 4 decades. Much has been achieved as a result of their tireless efforts to protect and enhance the quality of our waterways. Our history and well being, is entwined with that of the Detroit River and the Great Lakes/St Lawrence River; on behalf of the residents I represent please accept my thanks for all you do!!

Jo-Anne Gignac
Councillor Ward 6
City of Windsor
Congratulations on the 40th anniversary of the Great Lakes Regional Office in Windsor and its years of service to the people of the region. May there be many more!

The Right Honourable Herb Gray
Former Chair, Canadian Section, IJC

On behalf of the members of the CAW Windsor Regional Environment Council and the Windsor Labour District Labour Council I would like to congratulate the International Joint Commission on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the Great Lakes Regional Office (GLRO) in Windsor. The presence of the GLRO in Windsor has been essential to raising awareness and taking concrete action on protecting our Great Lakes.

The passion and expertise that the current IJC Director, Saad Jasim, and his dedicated staff bring to regional and international efforts to protect our water is inspiring and has made a real difference in our community and globally.

We look forward to another 40 years of working together in Windsor and beyond to protect our most precious resource for present and future generations.

Mark Bartlett
Community Environment Representative
Canadian Auto Workers Local 444

See attached letters from:

Brian Masse MP
Windsor West

Teresa Piruzza MPP
Windsor West
March 6, 2013

Greetings to our friends at the International Joint Commission’s (IJC) Great Lakes Regional Office in Windsor as you celebrate 40 years in our community.

As the Member of Parliament for Windsor West, I am pleased to offer my sincere congratulations as you celebrate the many accomplishments of the International Joint Commission on your 40th anniversary of the Great Lakes Regional Office in Windsor.

The IJC has been an instrumental organization in our community, working to manage the waters shared by Canada and the United States while protecting them for the benefit of today’s citizens and future generations. When taking into account the wide range of water uses, the IJC regulates the uses of shared waters, works on improving water and air quality in addition to working with governments on both sides of the border to continue to protect the Great Lakes.

For more than a century, Canada and the U.S. have worked together to prevent and resolve conflicts over the hundreds of rivers and lakes that lie along or flow across the 8,800 kilometre border between the two countries. The key to this long history of cooperation is the International Joint Commission. I look forward to many more years of excellent service from the IJC as you assist to restore and protect our water resources for our next generations.

Today being 40 years since the Regional Office has been on one of the frontline communities with shared waters between Canada and the U.S, the impact of the IJC is felt in the community. The IJC impacts not only the Windsor community but all other communities across Canada with internationally shared bodies of water and Windsor is proud to be the home to one of its major offices.

Once again congratulations on your celebrations and I wish you continued success in future endeavours.

Sincerely,

Brian Masse M.P.  
Windsor West
March 6th, 2013

John Nevin
Public Affairs Advisor
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Dear Mr. Nevin,

As the Member of Provincial Parliament for Windsor West I would like to congratulate the International Joint Commission’s Great Lakes Regional Office in Windsor as they celebrate their 40th anniversary.

The IJC stands as a shining example of international cooperation. Its efforts to maintain the quality of our water and air are especially critical for border regions like Windsor-Essex. As the Great Lakes Regional Office in Windsor is one of only three IJC offices, and the only one not found in a national capital, further emphasizes the importance of the Commission to Windsor and Essex County.

I wish you much continued success!

Sincerely,

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Teresa Piruzza, MPP
Windsor West