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Mr. Scott Hassett
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Dear Mr. Hassett:

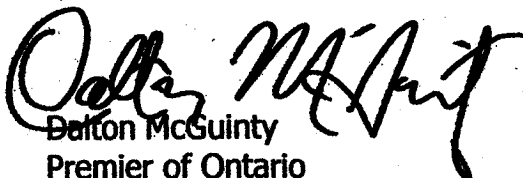
Thank you for your letter and enclosed application regarding a water diversion for the City of New Berlin, Wisconsin. It was good to hear from you.

My colleagues and I firmly believe that the waters of the Great Lakes Basin are vital to all communities — be it in Ontario or across North America — and must be protected for present and future generations. As the Honourable David Ramsay, Ontario's Minister of Natural Resources, would be in the best position to address your letter, I have asked that he respond to you directly. I trust that the minister will be able to provide you with some guidance in this matter.

Mr. Hassett, I was very pleased to learn of the success of the inaugural meeting of the regional body of the Council of Great Lakes Governors, held last month in Chicago, toward the implementation of the agreement. Ontario looks forward to working collaboratively with Governor Doyle, you and with all our other Great Lakes neighbours to further protect and conserve our Great Lakes Basin waters for many years to come.

Please accept my best wishes.

Yours truly,


Dalton McGuinty
Premier of Ontario

c: The Honourable David Ramsay