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Ms Sarah Miller
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Dear Ms Miller:

I am responding to your letter of September 16, 1993 which was co-signed by representatives of the Georgian Bay Association, Great Lakes United, Groundwater Alert and STORM Coalition.

I am aware of the concerns that you have identified about the impact of a possible major water pipeline from the Great Lakes. However, although TransCanada Pipelines has asked the Ontario Government to express its views on the concept of a major privately financed and operated water pipeline, I should emphasize that no specific proposal has been received from any prospective proponent for such a venture.

If and when such a proposal is received you may be sure that it would be subject to a full environmental assessment.

I appreciate your comments regarding this concept. I agree there are many issues which must be taken into consideration before this matter can proceed further, and your views are very helpful.

Sincerely,

Ed Philip
Minister

cc: The Honourable Bud Wildman
Minister of Environment and Energy

Mr. Jim Merritt
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