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Ms. Sarah Miller, Chair  
Sustainable Water Resources Task Force  
Great Lakes United  
c/o 517 College Street, Suite 401  
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Dear Ms. Miller:

This is in response to your letters of February 28, 1996 sent to me and to Leonard Black, as well as the articles you attached regarding the water withdrawal proposals currently being considered in the Province of Ontario. I appreciate your efforts in keeping us informed of the water supply development activities taking place for the York and Cambridge Regions.

It is our understanding that the various proposals referred to in your correspondence are, at this time, still alternatives under consideration and that no decisions have yet been made as to which alternative will ultimately be pursued. If the selected alternative involves a diversion of Great Lakes water, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources will be most interested in reviewing all pertinent information and providing commentary to the Province of Ontario. We have been in contact with our counterparts on the Great Lakes Water Resources Management Committee from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, who have assured us that they expect the selected alternative to receive a thorough environmental assessment.

Thank you again for the materials you have provided. Please feel free to update us as you obtain additional information.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Chief, Division of Water

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cc: James Gosnell, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources  
Michele Willis, Chief, Ohio DNR, Division of Water  
Leonard Black, Ohio DNR, Division of Water