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Dear Ms. Deacon,

Save The River, the Upper St. Lawrence Riverkeeper, has written Governor Cuomo about using his powerful and effective voice to request that the Seaway delay the spring 2020 opening due to the very crucial high water situation on Lake Ontario and the St Lawrence River. A copy of our latest letter to Governor Cuomo is attached.

We hear that the major obstacle to having the governor take action on a delayed opening is shipment of aluminum ingots into the Port of Oswego. We understand the importance of keeping that supply chain properly functioning, and propose that a few weeks inventory of ingots could be supplied to the Port by rail as a smart alternative. Rail shipments of aluminum into the Port are currently part of the supply chain.

If Governor Cuomo, or you, were able to facilitate this temporary change of supply from ship to rail, and thereby remove this obstacle to delaying the spring opening of the Seaway, it would be a win/win for Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River homeowners, business owners, employees, and other riparians whose lives are lived on Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence River shorelines. This would be a real time, tangible example of how good government under the leadership of Governor Cuomo brought relief to a disastrous problem.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this very serious matter.

Sincerely,

John Peach  
Executive Director, Save The River  
Upper St. Lawrence Riverkeeper

Att: December 2, 2019 letter to Governor Cuomo

*Save The River envisions a healthy Upper St. Lawrence River that provides safe drinking water,  
is home to a thriving range of indigenous species, and supports sustainable economic activity.*