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Mr. John Petrilla
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
24000 Avila Road, Suite 5020
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

Dear Mr. Petrilla,

I hereby formally object to the application to build the US Customs and Border Protection Facility at the proposed Blind Bay location in Fisher's Landing, NY.

The St. Lawrence River bottom and adjoining wetlands in the proposed area have been studied for years by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and it is proven one of the most significant and historic muskellunge (*esox masquinongy*) breeding grounds in the international waterway. In addition to the muskie, a number of other fish and aquatic species, some rare, have depended on the area.

I respectfully urge you to protect our fisheries and environment by not building this facility in Blind Bay. Additionally, I request you find a more suitable and less environmentally impactful location that still meets the needs of our border patrol agents.

Please feel free to contact me for suggestions on alternatives or if you have any questions about my position.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Walczyk
Assemblyman
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