The Honorable Herbert H. Lehman,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Lehman:

At the meeting of the Board of the Port of Buffalo Thursday, December 16, 1954, I was asked to communicate with you on the question of harbor project depths for the Port of Buffalo.

As we anticipate the opening of Congress, it is none too soon for us to start pressing for the harbor needs of the Port of Buffalo. We urge you to make whatever representations are necessary, at whatever places are appropriate, in order for Buffalo to receive its proper appropriation for the dredging needs in the coming year. As you recall, last year, despite the efforts made locally and by you, the appropriation was eliminated in the original budget. Thanks to your efforts and also to those of various people and organizations in this locality, it was reinstated in the supplemental budget. We hope that we shall receive favorable consideration in the original budget this year.

In addition to pressing for our appropriation requests for the continuation of the present project depths, the Board also wishes me to have you begin action on the needed 27-foot depth for the St. Lawrence Seaway.

Therefore, we hope that you will submit this resolution to the proper authorities:

RESOLVED by the Committee on Public Works of the House of Representatives of the United States that the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, created under Article III, approved June 13, 1902, be and is hereby requested to review the reports on Buffalo Harbor, New York, submitted in House Document 352, 78th Congress, First Session, House of Representatives, with a view to determining if improvement of the South Outer Harbor is justified to a depth of 27 feet.

We stand ready here at the Board and in the City to make whatever presentation is necessary here or at Washington to effect favorable consideration of present appropriations and those necessary for bringing us to proper Seaway depth.

Respectfully yours,

Division of the Port of Buffalo,

Dr. Marvin A. Rapp, Consultant.