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Mr. Roy Widrig
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Dear Roy:

This letter is in support of your proposal to conduct hand-pulling for water chestnut in the Oneida Lake/ Lake Outlet vicinity. The area you are targeting was one of the first locations where Onondaga and Oswego counties jointly implemented chemical control and where local hand-pulling efforts further reduced plant numbers. It is crucial that water chestnut not be allowed to infest or reestablish itself where large scale control has been carried out. Your efforts would be of considerable help in that direction and to the overall progress being made by Onondaga County's water chestnut control program.

Sincerely,

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