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Dear Mr. Coburn:

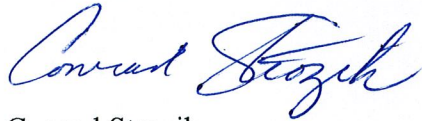
As a member of the Izaak Walton League most of my environmental concerns regarding the Onondaga Lake Amphitheater were addressed in a letter submitted by Les Monostory, our chapter Vice President. This letter is submitted to express some personal views on the proposed Amphitheater project.

1. For years, as a member on two Onondaga Lake clean-up committees, as a participant at Onondaga Lake Forums and Surveys and as having discussions with other civic and environmental organizations, there has been a strong and pervasive message ----Lets leave the surrounding land around the lake in its natural state. Doing so allows this area to attain an environmental "jewel" – A lake not found in most metropolitan areas that is almost entirely free of development along its shore line,
2. Why are we really building this amphitheater? Is it for concerts by entertainment groups for our youth? Will they care, as they scream through a concert, that they are next to Onondaga Lake? The lake will not enhance the concert experience for them nor will the concert enhance the use and value of the lake. These concert goers would not care if the concert were in the middle of Salina St.
3. Why are we proposing to build the amphitheater on the lake site? Why have not alternate sites been proposed such as the Inner Harbor or the vacant inner city land south of Eire Blvd? I'm sure if examined, many other sites would be ideal when considering transportation "to and fro", existing parking and other related activities such as restaurants, convenience stores and places to stay. If the amphitheater is built at the lake it seems logical that the "domino effect" will take place to give the public these related business ventures and in time, miles of shore line will be developed. Once developed, people who wish to fish, bird watch, canoe, sail, kayak, and swim will find that development brought with it speed boats and sea doos that disrupt the once serenity of a lake with a surrounded natural park.

4. I have heard that we need to build this lake amphitheater because it will create jobs. How naïve does the promoter of this ill thought of scheme think of the public? If built elsewhere, will it go up by waving a magic wand?
5. It has been noted that promoters are saying that existing facilities are too small. We must not forget a time true adage --- most performers, speakers, and politicians prefer to appear before a small but full audience as opposed to a larger audience in a half full large arena.

I, along with others, am looking forward to the EIS and the opportunity to examine this issue in a comprehensive manner.

Very truly yours,



Conrad Strozik