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To whom it may concern:

We purchased our property in Ipperwash in 1989 as an investment in our future. We own our home and three rental cottages and live here year round. Since we are retired the income from our cottage rental is crucial in our financial management.

The events related to the return of Camp Ipperwash has had a drastic impact on our lives. We are unsure how much income we lost as a result of events of September 95. We had tenants in our cottages who were evacuated in the early hours of the morning. One had a small baby and was very frightened. We were obligated to refund the rental fees.

Property de-valuation affects all of the property owners but we are continuing to pay the same taxes and, in many cases, increased taxes.

There are excessive burglaries in the area. The restoration of law and order in the neighborhood is a necessity. We are afraid to leave our home for any length of time and are stressed when away, even for short periods.

The uncertainty of the 1996 rental season is a major concern. Some of our regular tenants are not renewing for this summer until they feel certain that the area poses no threat to their vacation. We are fearful that if the area receives any more negative publicity our tourism season will be irreparably damaged. The return, and opening, of Ipperwash Provincial Park is essential to ensure a successful tourism season for 1996.

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