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Official Statement from the Niagara Falls Water Board

Today the NFWB was made aware of various comments made by members of Niagara County state legislative delegation regarding the tourism impacts of recent overflow and discharge incidents.

As a result, the board would like to reiterate its commitment to protecting the beauty of Niagara Falls, the Niagara River, and the tourism industry that serves the region's many visitors each year.

The NFWB is working to develop a full analysis of investment needs and is taking all necessary measures to improve existing operations at the wastewater treatment plant; however, we are disappointed that no member of the board's executive staff was invited to participate or share applicable information at today's forum.

The board is working on formal proposals to use in upcoming funding request efforts, but such work requires adequate time, study, and evaluation of alternatives to ensure that such monies will be spent wisely and correctly, and no taxpayer dollars will be wasted on less than optimal solutions. The NFWB is committed to real, thoughtful, and effective long-term fixes, as opposed to Band-Aids.

The improvements needed to fully eliminate discharge and overflow scenarios come with a substantial cost, and it is correct that elected officials should be aggressively advocating for such investment at all levels of government.

The NFWB will continue to provide periodic public and ratepayer updates on overflow and other discharge matters as such information becomes available, via www.NFWB.org.

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