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In recognizing the critical importance of maintaining the Trent-Severn Waterway and the lakes and rivers that feed it, I am distressed that the federal government appointed a panel to research this issue so thoroughly, and then almost completely disregarded their extensive report that outlined some very specific calls to action.

Beyond the historic significance, the Trent-Severn is key to the economic survival of many small Ontario towns that benefit from its attraction for seasonal tourism.

And beyond that factor, the successful management and upkeep of the Waterway are obviously critical to the survival of the lakes and rivers throughout Haliburton County.

While I admit I have more learning to do, it's immediately obvious to me that this watershed and waterway need an overseeing management body that will look at the big picture with regard to the many interests within preserving both the waterway and the watershed and continue to make recommendations within conservation, water quality, and flooding and drought issues.

What's also obvious is that the government needs to immediately find the funds to fulfill the commitment presented within their appointment of a panel and the outcome of their excellent report.

Thank you,  
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