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Congressman Charles W. Whalen, Jr., today joined 41 members of the House and Senate in urging President Johnson to postpone a proposed 10 per cent increase in St. Lawrence Seaway tolls.

"I am concerned about the slowdown in seaway traffic growth that a toll increase would cause and the adverse effect this would have on Ohio's economy," Whalen said.

The postponement would allow Congress time to consider an amendment to the St. Lawrence Seaway Act of 1954.

"The amendment would lighten the heavy financial burden on the seaway and make the toll increase unnecessary," Whalen said.

The U.S. Government soon will enter into negotiations with the Canadian Government on the seaway toll charges for the next five shipping seasons (1967 through 1971).

The St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, the seaway's governing body, and the Canadian St. Lawrence Seaway Authority have proposed the toll increase.

The request for the President's cooperation was made in a January 20th letter released today.

Signers of the letter included senators and representatives from Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Indiana, Illinois, New York, Iowa and Missouri.
In addition to Whalen, Ohio signers were Senators Frank J. Lausche and Stephen M. Young and Congressmen Charles A. Mosher, J. William Stanton, Thomas J. Ashley and Charles A. Vanik.

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