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The Honorable Norman Major, Chair  
House Ways and Means Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Room 202  
Concord, NH 03301

RE: **SB 440** *Repealing the repeal of certain fees in the shoreland protection act.*

Dear Chair Major and Members of the Committee:

The Lakes Management Advisory Committee (LMAC) is writing to express its support for Senate Bill 440, repealing the repeal of certain fees in the shoreland protection act. This bill repeals a provision of Chapter 5 of the Laws of 2008 which sunsets the application fees for Shoreland permits as of July 1, 2016.

The sunset provision applies only to the permitting fees, and does not alter any other aspect of the Shoreland Program or its permitting requirements. The permit application fees allow the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Shoreland Program to meet its obligations to review permit applications, investigate complaints, and enforce compliance with the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act without drawing on other funding sources. All of these activities are critical to maintaining the high quality and clean water that residents and visitors expect of New Hampshire's lakes. The fees allow the State to sustain its stewardship of the roughly 1,000 lakes and ponds that we are all so fortunate to enjoy.

The LMAC is a legislatively created body charged to work with NHDES to administer RSA 483-A, the Lakes Management and Protection Program. The Governor and Council appointed Committee is comprised of 19 members representing academia, business, conservation organizations, lake associations, tourism, fish and game commission, marine trades, realtors, municipal government as well as several state agencies. Among its other responsibilities, the LMAC reviews legislation relevant to the Program and the state's lakes and ponds, and advises the NHDES Commissioner on the merits of such legislation.

In conclusion, the LMAC supports SB 440, which retains the Shoreland permit application fees. Should you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at (603) 634-2299 or [david.packard@eversource.com](mailto:david.packard@eversource.com).

Sincerely,



David Packard, Chair

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