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April 10, 2018

The Honorable Kevin Avard  
Chair, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
State House, Room 103  
Concord, NH 03301

RE: **HB 1689** *An act repealing the repeal of the Pollution Prevention Program of the Department of Environmental Services.*

Dear Chair Avard and Members of the Committee:

The Lakes Management Advisory Committee (LMAC) appreciates the opportunity to comment on House Bill 1689, which will ensure that the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Pollution Prevention Program continues to enhance voluntary compliance with environmental laws without the need for NHDES and the General Court to periodically extend the repeal date of this effective technical assistance program. The LMAC supports this bill.

The Pollution Prevention Program was established 22 years ago to help small businesses comply with environmental regulations in a cost effective manner. The program provides non-regulatory compliance assistance to small businesses through onsite consultation, saving them nearly \$5.5 million. In addition, the program has helped the regulated community reduce waste, cut energy use, and conserve water. Positive feedback from the program's satisfied customers proves the ongoing value of maintaining it, and thus there is little reason for the General Court to continue requesting extensions of the repeal date. The program is funded from the Hazardous Waste Clean-up Fund fees.

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 House Bill 1689 in order that the Pollution Prevention Program can continue helping New Hampshire's small businesses comply with environmental regulations, save energy, and reduce costs without returning to the General Court to extend the program's repeal date.

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Should you have further questions about this testimony, please feel free to contact me at (603) 634-2299 or [david.packard@graniteshorepower.com](mailto:david.packard@graniteshorepower.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David W. Packard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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Chair

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