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March 29, 2021

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

**RE: HB 115 - AN ACT relative to wake surfing.**

Dear Chair Avard and Members of the Committee:

RSA 483-A established the New Hampshire Lakes Management and Protection Program and the Lakes Management Advisory Committee (LMAC) to complement and reinforce existing state and federal water quality laws. Within its responsibilities of advising the NHDES Commissioner and the department, the LMAC reviews and takes positions on legislation pertaining to New Hampshire lakes. The LMAC appreciates the opportunity to comment on House Bill 115.

At the meeting of the LMAC on January 11, 2021 the LMAC voted to support HB 115. This bill provides guidance to individuals who own wake boats and/or participate in the relatively new sport of wake surfing. Water skiing has a long history in New Hampshire – both as recreation and as a sport – but wake surfing or wakeboarding is a rather new addition to our lakes. As such, the Boating and Water Safety laws were inadequate to regulate the safety of the surfer and the responsibilities of the boat operator. This legislation recognizes that gap in the law and makes reasonable mandates.

The LMAC is a legislatively created body of stakeholders, in support of lakes, representing the NH Lakes Association, conservation commissions, scientific community, conservation community, planning boards, Business and Industry Association, tourism industry, state conservation committee, NH Municipal Association, fishing interests, NH Fish & Game Commission, NH Association of Realtors, Marine Trades Association, and several state agencies. Committee members are appointed by the Governor and Council or the head of the state agency and are charged with supporting the legislative intent of the Lakes Management and Protection Program.

**In conclusion, the LMAC supports HB 115 for the reasons stated above.** Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Should you have further questions about this letter, please feel free to contact me at (603) 867-9299 or [appliedforce52@gmail.com](mailto:appliedforce52@gmail.com).

Respectfully,



David Packard, Chair

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