

LAKES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NH Lakes Management and Protection Program

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
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The Honorable Bob Odell, Chairman
Energy and Natural Resources Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 102
Concord, NH 03301

RE: SB 124-FN - An Act relative to the comprehensive shoreland protection act

Dear Chairman Odell and Members of the Committee:

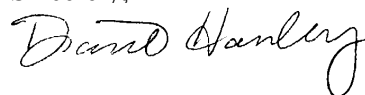
The Lakes Management Advisory Committee (LMAC) is writing to express its opposition to Senate Bill 124, relative to the shoreland protection act.

SB 124, if passed, would turn back the amendments that were made to the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act in 2009. Those changes were implemented in response to the concerns that constituents expressed at that time and were crafted after much stakeholder input. It would not benefit the regulated community or DES to reinstate the language that was modified in 2009.

The LMAC is a legislatively created body charged to work with the Department of Environmental Services regarding the administration of RSA 483-A, the Lakes Management and Protection Act. The Governor and Council appointed Committee is comprised of 19 members from academia, business, conservation organizations, lake associations, tourism, fish and game commission, marine trades, realtors, and municipal government. Among its other responsibilities, the LMAC is charged with reviewing legislation relevant to the LMPP and with advising the DES Commissioner on the merits of such legislation.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments. If you have any questions regarding our testimony please do not hesitate to contact Jacquie Colburn, Lakes Coordinator at (603) 271-2959.

Sincerely,



Diane Hanley, Chair
Lakes Management Advisory Committee

cc: Senator Gallus
Representative Sapareto
Representative Eaton
Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner, DES
Harry Stewart, DES