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# N.H. Rivers Management Advisory Committee

May 1, 2019

The Honorable Sharon Carson, Chair  
Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Room 101  
Concord, NH 03301

**RE: HB 244** *An act repealing the moorings appeals board.*

Dear Chair Carson and Members of the Committee:

The Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) is writing to express its opposition to House Bill 244, which repeals the moorings appeals board of three people and provides for appeals to be made directly to the commissioner of the department of safety.

The RMAC believes that any appeal should be heard before a neutral body with a diverse membership rather than single political appointee, such as the commissioner of the department of safety.

The RMAC is a legislatively created body charged to work with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to administer RSA 483, the Rivers Management and Protection Program. The Governor and Council appointed Committee is comprised of members from business, agriculture, hydroelectric, municipal government, water supply, conservation, recreation, fish and game, and historical interests. Among its other responsibilities, the RMAC is charged with reviewing legislation relevant to the Program and with advising the NHDES Commissioner on the merits of such legislation.

In conclusion, the RMAC opposes HB 244 repealing the moorings appeal board.

Should you have any questions regarding our testimony, please feel free to contact me at 603.796.2615 or [MLT@naturesource.net](mailto:MLT@naturesource.net).

Sincerely,



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RMAC Chair

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