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The Honorable Tom Dolan, Chair
House Municipal and County Government Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 301
Concord, NH 03301

RE: HB 1293 - AN ACT relative to the design of sewage or waste disposal systems for a person's own domicile.

Dear Chair Dolan 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's lakes. The LMAC appreciates the opportunity to comment on House Bill 1293.

The LMAC **supports HB 1293**. When septic systems leak, they contaminate our rivers and lakes, thereby contributing to cyanobacteria blooms that threaten public health and aquatic life. Following a standard procedure for septic system applications ensures that systems are properly engineered to include relevant safety features. Eliminating the exemption for self-designed systems also is an administrative efficiency, as NHDES will no longer be reviewing designs completed by people with less than standardized knowledge.

The LMAC is a legislatively created body of lake stakeholders, representing the NH Lakes Association, conservation commissions, the 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 1293 for the reasons stated above. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Should you have questions, please feel free to contact me at (603) 867-9299 or appliedforce52@gmail.com.

Respectfully,



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