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The Honorable Thomas Walsh, Chair
House Transportation Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 203
Concord, NH 03301

RE: HB 1424 - AN ACT relative to the speed limit for watercraft on Lake Winnepesaukee.

Dear Chair Walsh 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 1424.

The LMAC **opposes HB 1424**. At increased speeds, boats create larger wakes that damage shorelines and churn up sediment that damages aquatic ecosystems. The number of boats on Lake Winnepesaukee is increasing, which already worsens these adverse impacts. In addition, dawn and dusk are popular times for people who enjoy quieter forms of recreation such as fishing and bird watching, activities which rely on still waters. Therefore, passage of this bill could exacerbate conflicts among the various interests that use Lake Winnepesaukee.

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 opposes HB 1424 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,



David Packard, Chair

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