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January 29, 2019

The Honorable Suzanne Smith, Chair
House Resources, Recreation, and Development
Legislative Office Building, Room 305
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RE: HB 244 *An act repealing the moorings appeals board.*

Dear Chair Smith and Members of the Committee:

The Lakes Management Advisory Committee (LMAC) appreciates the opportunity to comment on House Bill 244, which repeals the moorings appeals board and provides for appeals to be made directly to the commissioner of the department of safety. The LMAC supports this bill.

The LMAC understands that there has not been an appeal to the moorings appeals board in 12 years and that all three members of the moorings board are now deceased. The LMAC feels that it is important for any future mooring appeals to be heard by a board comprised of members representing diverse interests, and is under the impression that HB 244 provides for this by assigning mooring appeals to the Department of Safety's adjudicative appeals board.

The LMAC is a legislatively created body charged to work with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to administer RSA 483-A, the Lakes Management and Protection Program. The Governor and Council appointed Committee is comprised of 19 members representing academia, business, conservation organizations, lake associations, tourism, fish and game commission, marine trades, realtors, municipal government as well as several state agencies. Among its other responsibilities, the LMAC reviews legislation relevant to the Program and the state's lakes and ponds, and advises the NHDES Commissioner on the merits of such legislation.

In conclusion, the LMAC supports HB 244 because it eliminates an inactive board while maintaining mechanism for moorings appeals to be decided by a diverse group of interested representatives.

Should you have further questions about this testimony, please feel free to contact me at (603) 867-9299 or appliedforce52@gmail.com.

Sincerely,



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