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January 13, 2021

The Honorable Andrew Renzullo, Chair  
House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Room 305  
Concord, NH 03301

**RE: HB 426 - AN ACT relative to shoreland septic systems.**

Dear Chair Renzullo 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 lakes. The LMAC appreciates the opportunity to comment on House Bill 426.

At the meeting of the LMAC on January 11, 2021, the LMAC voted to support HB 426. This bill provides guidance to individuals who purchase a developed waterfront property within 250 feet of the water reference line. The bill mandates that the septic system either be currently approved by NHDES (within 20 years) or that it be inspected, evaluated, and certified to be in compliance with all current requirements. This legislation will address the situation where the failure of aged or inadequate septic systems goes unaddressed. Leeching of septic fields into surface waters is unhealthy and can lead to outbreaks of cyanobacteria, or worse.

The LMAC is a legislatively created body of stakeholders, in support of lakes, representing the NH Lakes Association, conservation commissions, 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 426 for the reasons stated above.** Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Should you have further questions about this letter, please feel free to contact me at (603) 867-9299 or [appliedforce52@gmail.com](mailto:appliedforce52@gmail.com).

Respectfully,



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Chair

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