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Subject: FW: Comments to study Group
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Hi Kim,

I believe the below email is about Act 57 but they didn't say that anywhere.

Thank you,

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Dear Study Committee,

My name is Paula Beayon and I have lived full time -year round on Lake Bomoseen for 40 years. We raised 4 kids & now have 13 grandchildren that use the lake.

#1 I am concerned because we all know the history of chemicals. It can take many, many years before we find out their negative side effects. By then it is too late. The damage is done. Nobody thought using a teflon frying pan was bad, look what we know now. It took over a century to figure out lead paint wasn't good for you, think about cigarettes and, second smoke, pressure treated play grounds, asbestos etc., etc. the list of things that were once deemed safe goes on and on. Cancer rates are increasing. How many people do you know with it? I know to many!

It has been a vicious cycle. Some lakes have been using herbicides for over 20 years, but yet there are no health studies or surveys of humans that have used these waters.

Is there an increase in Birth defects, Tumors, Cancer, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Autism, Children's learning disabilities, Endocrine Disruptions ect., etc....?

What about the Ecosystem? Where are the long term studies on that?

We deserve more than lab studies from chemical companies.

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#2 How can such a small group of people apply for a permit to put Herbicides in a lake that belongs to all Vermonters? Most of these Lake Associations boards aren't even full time Vermonters. They own properties on the lake that had weeds when they bought them, but yet now they aren't happy and want to get rid of them.

Shouldn't average Vermonter have a choice and the right to choose what goes on? If associations want to apply for a herbicide permit, it is their responsibility to notify the public. Whether they are volunteers or not. They seem to get a lot of private money donors for things that are important to them. Well this is important to us.

#3 Why doesn't the fish and wildlife have a bigger say in whether or not lakes should have herbicides put in them. They are the ones that spend the most time on the lakes.

#4 If you have ever been to Lake Bomoseen in the summer, you would see milfoil is not stopping people from enjoying the lake. There are so many boats, it's unsafe to kayak (except early morning), motels are packed, restaurants are packed, all camps are rented, there are people and out of stater everywhere, no houses for sale on the lake and if they come up for sale they are extremely high priced and bought quickly.

What I am trying to convey is the milfoil in Lake Bomoseen is not hurting our economy.

I can go on and on, I am sorry that this is so long. Over all what I am trying to say is this is a flawed process. I believe we should stop playing God and let nature be nature. We live on a lake, we don't need a swimming pool.

Life doesn't have to be perfect, to be wonderful!

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

