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To the Act 57 ANC Study Committee,

My wife and I have been long-time property owners on Burr Pond in Sudbury and just built a new year round home on the pond (very good event for the local economy). Burr Pond is a beautiful small pond, great for kayaking and canoeing and with excellent fishing in both the summer and winter. Eurasian Milfoil first became an issue around a decade ago. Its rapid growth, especially in shallow waters, is a hindrance to boating, fishing and swimming and also detracts from the beauty of the

pond. In addition, as you know, native plants can't compete with it and the water quality can be changed because of the decreased oxygen levels and higher temperatures it creates.

We spend hours every summer hand-pulling milfoil in front of both of our properties. Our lake association worked with the state of Vermont to have Burr Pond treated with ProcellaCOR in spring of 2019. The results were amazing. It effectively cleared the pond of milfoil with no negative impact on native plants, fish or other aquatic life. The effects persisted for 4 plus years, although now we are back to a situation of renewed, rapid growth. This past summer, in addition to hand-pulling, my wife and I assisted with fragment collection while suction harvesting was being performed. While effective, suction harvesting was much less effective than the ProcellaCOR. We are in need of another treatment. Without another treatment I am very concerned about the impact on the health and quality of the pond, not to mention the negative impact on property values and the local economy.

Our prior experience with ProcellaCOR was outstanding. Adequate public notice was provided in advance and there were no negative outcomes associated with its use. I would very strongly encourage you to keep this option open and to approve its use on Burr Pond in 2024.

Thank you for your consideration.