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To the Act 57 Study group:

Online groups displaying large membership numbers can be people from anywhere. Likewise, the signers of [change.org](#) petitions. Who are they? Where do they live? Are they supporting a cause based on a 'please like this' prompt from a Facebook friend, or are they directly-involved, local homeowners?

The highly organized effort by one, new Lake Bomoseen resident seeks to present a group of anonymous, online, supporters--dressed up as local supporters.

Is the state prepared to ask for verification that the signers of petitions or the joiners of websites and facebook groups live in:

The local community?

State of Vermont ?

Region of New England?

The United States?

Should a 5-member, Lake adjacent selectboard be required offer any guarantee that their votes of support or non-support actually represent their local area? How can we know? What steps should select boards take to show that they are educated on the science of lake health before their vote can determine the fate of lake health issues?

If you yell 'poison' in a crowded room, many otherwise active supporters of herbicide will remain silent out of fear of a mob turning on them.

This is why it is important for the process to remain scientific and not become a variable political football, allowing some communities to have permits, while others collapse under a crush of political maneuvering.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

