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I am writing as a longtime property owner (since 1985) and resident on Burr Pond in Sudbury, Vermont. I am strongly in support of retaining the right of lakes and ponds in Vermont to use herbicide treatments to control Eurasian Milfoil. We have been battling milfoil on Burr Pond since the 1990s. I have been active in monitoring the pond and been part of many treatment attempts including hand-pulling, suction harvesting, the addition of specific boll weevils to eat the milfoil, and various types of herbicide treatment. Some treatments such as hand-pulling and suction-harvesting can spread the milfoil rather than contain it since the plant is very efficient at re-rooting itself. Nevertheless, we have tried to use these methods in compliance with state recommendations. Years of observing the pond has shown that the ONLY thing that has WORKED has been the application of

herbicides.

Herbicides have proven to be not only effective but SAFE. I have witnessed ZERO NEGATIVE EFFECTS from treatments (and I am on the pond on a regular basis late spring, summer, and early fall). The fish as well as other animals, plants and insects have all continued to thrive on the pond during and after treatments. I feel completely safe swimming in and using the pond for recreational purposes with the herbicide treatments.

I (and my neighbors) have invested significantly in support of these treatments. While we appreciate small grants from the state to defray costs, the residents of the ponds/lakes pay the majority of costs for treatments. We are a small pond with less than 50 residents who must bear this cost, but we do it in order to keep the pond functional and healthy rather than allowing it to be overtaken by this invasive weed. This is to the benefit of not only ourselves, but the many Vermonters and guests who use our public fishing access to enjoy the pond.

We have worked with the State throughout the years for approval to treat the pond and I appreciate that Vermont is proactive in taking care of its natural resources. Removing the right to use the most effective treatment found to combat invasive species would be counterproductive and detrimental to all involved (lake enthusiasts, property owners, visitors, and the economy of Vermont that relies, in part, on its reputation for natural beauty and recreational activities).

Please DO NOT take away this option which has proven to be safe and effective many times over.

Sincerely,

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