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To the Committee,

As a five year resident/homeowner on Lake St Catherine, Milfoil is of great concern from the day we took title to our home. Our house is located within a small homeowner association that has had, in the past, the experience of Milfoil being pulled out of the lake by the State and loaded out, however carefully, through the small channel where our 14 homeowners have docks. The result over a decade later are elevated levels of milfoil that require significant effort to pull o by hand in order to allow nautical navigation.

I am writing to voice my opinion on Act 57. A few points for the committee's consideration:

1) As a member of the LSCA (Lake St Catherine Association), the volunteer work to preserve, protect, and maintain Lake St. Catherine and Vermont's lakes and ponds for all Vermonters and visitors through the aquatic invasive species prevention control efforts, and numerous water quality improvement projects, have resulted in a cleaner lake. Since my home is adjacent to the Lake St Catherine State Park, I've seen the increase in visitation and usage as a result of both the ProCella and suction harvest programs.

2) Consider please, the tremendous amount of volunteer effort put forth by lake associations like the LSCA. I've learned that VT is more of a do-it-yourself state (e.g., 1st Saturday in May cleanup) and raising the bar even higher for lake preservation groups such as LCSA sends a message to volunteers that volunteer efforts are not fully appreciated the way I believe they should.

3) My family's request is that any proposed changes to the already rigorous permitting process be based on the facts and the science. As a sustainability professional, the disinformation industry most often shouts louder over the established science. Those who seek to influence the process by providing misleading and false information, or use connections to steer the decision making their way, should not be allowed to tilt the scales of informed decision-making.

4) It is imperative that lake associations continue to have access to regulated, safe, and effective use of herbicides as a tool to maintain control of Eurasian watermilfoil in infested waterbodies.

To conclude, lake associations such as LSCA, are 100% volunteer based, and although the DEC provides technical assistance, it is these volunteer groups doing the actual work on the ground for the lakes we consider ourselves stewards.

I ask that the existing rigorous permitting process not be made more burdensome for volunteer associations, and it not be made more difficult to use ProcCellaCOR, which has been determined to be safe and effective.

Thank you for considering my input.

Kind Regards,

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