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I appreciate the opportunity to provide input on the work of this Committee.

I am both a Family Physician (MD UConn '89) and an Environmental Engineer (M.Eng, RPI '79). As such, I believe I can speak with some level of expertise in regards to the topic under consideration.

We, as a society, are increasingly subject to misinformation and anti science rhetoric. I ask that you listen to experts who have extensive education, experience, and expertise. The existing process that is managed by the VT DEC is thorough, science based, and inclusive.

This Committee was generated as a result of a wide spread myth that Eurasian Milfoil is responsible for larger bass in Lake Bomoseen and that lakes that have been treated with ProCellaCor have lost both fauna and flora. Extensive evidence shows that is not true. Those lakes that have been treated with ProCellaCor actually have the same or more biomass and far more of that biomass is native species not invasive species.

This myth, and it is a myth, also disregards all the other uses that Vermonters enjoy or would like to enjoy in Lake Bomoseen and other lakes across the state. Swimming and boating was dramatically impacted in Lake Bomoseen this year preventing many areas for being used for swimming, power boating, paddle boarding, kayaking, water skiing at all.

The existing process used by the DEC carefully considers all uses as well as the science. Please do not make it impossible for lakes in VT to remove Aquatic Invasive Species which are destroying our lakes and leading to eutrophication of our lakes - destroying critical habitats in addition to crucial recreational resources.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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