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To: Environment Committee

From: Dan D'Addeo

Regard: House Support of Bill 5583, AN ACT CONCERNING AN AGREEMENT REGARDING ANNUAL WATER LEVEL DRAW DOWNS AT BASHAN LAKE IN THE TOWN OF EAST HADDAM.

Living full time on the lake for the past five years, along with weekend and vacationing on this lake for over fifty years, I believe it is in the best interest of the State and everyone involved to pass Bill 5583. My experience, as well as I believe most people's belief, is the people closest to a situation will have the best vantage point in decision regarding the issues at hand.

Case in point: regarding the States recent lack of insight regarding the Bashan Lake Dam repair. Local representatives requesting weed control measures during dam repairs were refused (told not in the budget). Resulting in having wide spread evasive weed problem enter the lake (*Fragmities australis*). To understand this problem you can research what this weed as done to lakes and wetlands in our state as well as national treasures such as Lake Huron. This weed does not give up and we will likely be fighting it for the foreseeable future.

The people living on this lake have a vested interest (that does not conflict with the state) only closer to the issue. Please pass Bill 5583.

Regards,

Dan D'Addeo