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Environment Committee
CT State Capitol
RE: House Bill 5583

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing this letter to urge your support of House Bill 5583. As a lifelong (54 yrs.) summer resident of Bashan Lake and current property owner, I believe this bill has merit to help keep Bashan Lake as one of Connecticut's most beautiful. I have many wonderful memories of time spent at this pristine lake – both as a child and an adult introducing my own children to the wonders and enjoyment of Bashan Lake. My mother's family has enjoyed this area since the 1930's.

In order to maintain my property and lakefront, it is imperative that the Town of East Haddam and the BLA be allowed to lower the level of the lake as needed. Lower levels help save docks and retaining walls from winter ice damage. It also allows clean up and vegetation control of the lake bottom. This in turn will lead to safer swimming and boating and protect property values. Bashan Lake can remain a prime recreational area for years to come. I look forward to bringing my own grandchildren there some day. I'm sure all the residents of Bashan Lake will appreciate you support of this bill.

Thank you,

Daniel J. Kehoe