

March 8, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Bill 5583: An Act Concerning An Agreement Regarding Annual Water Level Draw Downs At Bashan Lake In The Town Of East Haddam.

As homeowners of Bashan Lake waterfront property, we strongly urge you to pass Bill 5583 - An Act Concerning An Agreement Regarding Annual Water Level Draw Downs At Bashan Lake In The Town Of East Haddam.

I have been a year round resident of Bashan Lake all of my life and my husband and his family has owned seasonal property for at least that long, or longer. As many of the properties around the lake, we have a retaining wall that was built many years ago. One year that we had a lot of rain and the water level was not monitored properly, we suffered significant damage by the ice. The wall deteriorated very quickly after and was a safety hazard.

With the recent draw down for the dam repairs we had the wall rebuilt, not knowing that we would have to fight for the water draw down, let alone the weed issues we are facing. We need the draw down to be done each year to ensure that our properties can be maintained properly and for the safety of all.

Please relinquish this responsibility to the ones who are most concerned about keeping and maintaining this as one of Connecticut's greatest assets by passing Bill 5583!

Sincerely,

Lori and Jeff Olson

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