

Dear CT State Senators and Representatives,

I am strongly in favor of HB 5129 and beseech you to work to get this legislation passed to better protect CT's environment.

Special Interest LAKES License Plates will remind Connecticut residents and those passing through CT to safeguard and preserve our lakes and ponds. They will show CT cares about its fresh water resources, its environment and its lakes related economy and tourism. Connecticut already has had for a long time a Long Island Sound plate, a Greenways plate and a Wildlife plate. Now when multiple threats to lakes have never been worse, it is time to fill the void by adding these attractive LAKES plates so that lakes get the attention they deserve. They will challenge us to keep our lakes healthy and inviting for all citizens and out of state guests everyday all year around. Many, many fishermen and ice fishermen, boaters, swimmers, day-trippers, renters and owners will want to buy these plates to show their passion for and concern for their favorite lakes. The money generated will help fund the very expensive preventive and interceptive programs that DEEP conducts to protect our lakes and ponds. In this time of huge State fiscal problems, this income from concerned citizen stakeholders will be most appreciated. Thank you for helping CT's lakes and ponds by legislatively offering these LAKES plates.

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