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State of Connecticut  
General Assembly  
Joint Environment Committee

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**RE:** HB 5129, An Act Establishing A Save Our Lakes Number Plate to Combat Aquatic Invasive Species and Cyanobacteria Blooms

Dear Members of the Joint Environment Committee;

As a Connecticut resident who owes waterfront property on Rogers Lake in Lyme, CT I am writing to ask that the Committee support HB 5129, An Act Establishing A Save Our Lakes Number Plate to Combat Aquatic Invasive Species and Cyanobacteria Blooms.

Our lakes are a source of revenue for the state by bringing visitors who spend money renting cottages, kayaks, jet skis, and life jackets, shopping in our stores and eating at our restaurants, all the while paying taxes on these purchases. Waterfront property has greater monetary value and the owners pay more taxes.

We need to maintain the health of our lakes, so visitors and residents of CT can and will continue to use and live on them. But, how do we do this at a time when Connecticut needs money now more than ever?

The number plate program is one method to increase the revenue to help combat the invasive water species and algae blooms and provides me, a resident, with a way to help. I know many people, including myself, who will support this program by purchasing this specialty license plate.

Again, I ask that you support House Bill 5129.

Kind regards,

*Katherine Lears*