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### **Letter of Support**

#### **Change Lake Beseck Drawdown Legislation Sec. 22a-339h**

As head of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station Invasive Aquatic Plant Program, I have been involved in the surveillance, management, and research on the control of nuisance aquatic vegetation in hundreds of Connecticut lakes. Winter lake drawdown is a method of controlling lake weeds that is effective, cost efficient, and does not rely on chemical weed killers. My studies on lakes that utilize winter drawdown, such as Candlewood Lake, finds that optimal vegetation control occurs when the sediment can dry and freeze. In a typical winter this may or may not occur, but chances increase with the length of time the lake is drawn down particularly during January. For this reason, I am in full support of a change in legislation Sec.22a-339h as stated in raised Bill No. 6384 to add an extra month to the alternate year six-foot drawdown in Lake Beseck.

Please feel free to contact me if you are in need of further information.

Sincerely:

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