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January 14, 2026

The Honorable Robert Harb, Chair
House Resources, Recreation, and Development Committee
Granite Place, Room 228
Concord, NH 03301

RE: HB 1301 *An act increasing certain mooring fees and directing such funds to the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant fund.*

Dear Chair Harb and Members of the Committee,

The Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) is writing to express its **support of House Bill 1301**, which provides funding for the cyanobacteria mitigation loan and grant fund through increasing mooring fees.

The RMAC supports this bill because

- Cyanobacteria is a critical concern for both rivers and lakes, affecting water quality, habitat quality, recreation, property value and public safety;
- Reducing cyanobacteria presence and managing its impacts requires funding for projects to mitigate point source and non-point sources of nutrients and treatments to the waterbodies; and
- The increase of \$25 for annual fees for individual moorings will allow for improved management and therefore greater use of the waterbody by mooring owners and other recreators through the cyanobacteria mitigation fund.

The RMAC would like to note that the proposed statutory language is unclear as to whether \$25 will be allocated to the cyanobacteria mitigation fund from both individual and congregate mooring fees or just from individual mooring fees. Increasing the fee for congregate moorings is not proposed. Increasing both fees and allocating funds from both would direct more funds to the cyanobacteria mitigation fund, amplifying the benefits of improved water quality and safety for mooring owners without impacting funding for the navigation safety fund.

The RMAC is a legislatively created body charged to work with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to administer RSA 483, the Rivers Management and Protection Program. The Governor and Council appointed Committee is composed of members from business, agriculture, hydroelectric, municipal government, water supply, conservation, recreation, fish and game, and historical interests.

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Should you have any questions regarding our testimony in support of HB 1301, feel free to contact me at 603.796.2615 or MLT@naturesource.net.

Sincerely,



Michele L. Tremblay, Chair

cc: Representatives J. MacDonald, R. Brown, Crawford, Damon, Darby, Ebel, Hamblen, Walker, Peternel
and Rung and Senator McConkey
RMAC Representatives
Robert R. Scott, Commissioner, NHDES