

HB 1148 Remote Testimony for 2/4/26 Hearing from Member of the Public

1/31/26

I am writing in support of HB 1148.

For background information my husband and I have been residents of NH for 50 years, 28 of them as residents of 101 Lovell Lake Rd. in Sanbornville (Wakefield.) We own a waterfront year-round home on Lovell Lake, which is ½ mile from downtown Sanbornville.

The Lovell Lake Association and the Town of Wakefield both provide financial support for lake monitoring of our the town boat launch and the town helps finance similar efforts at other lakes in Wakefield.

One of my friends is a member of the “Weed Watch Committee” of the LL Assn. and she does weekly water quality sampling, which is sent to the UNH lab. This past summer there were 2 documented cyanobacteria blooms at Lovell Lake. We do not have any other invasive species in this lake that I’m aware of. As I’m sure you are aware, cyanobacteria is toxic to humans, pets and aquatic life.

I had a personal experience with cyanobacteria about 20 years ago when an ugly green algae puddle started forming on the concrete slab under our deck. We had no idea why a puddle was suddenly forming there. Our next door neighbor, a retired plumber, knew what it was and said to call the water department right away. We are on town water and they came right over and said we needed to have someone dig up our water line, which we did. The contractor who installed the line in 1970 had used a plastic connection, which had split and caused a leak about 5’ underground and 10’ from the house. That was the source of the continuous slow leak forming a puddle in the summer sun. It was lucky that our domestic water was not contaminated and that it was caught in time.

I feel lucky that the state of NH recognizes the importance of maintaining the highest quality of the lakes in our state. It is one the best assets we have for the health and enjoyment of the residents, and an attraction for visitors to the NH for recreational use.

Thank you for your continuing efforts toward this end and I urge passage of HB1148.

Sincerely,

Roberta Goodrich