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The Honorable Andrew Renzullo, Chair
House Resources, Recreation and Development Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 305
Concord, NH 03301

RE: SB 257 *An act enabling municipalities to incorporate sewage disposal systems as part of their stormwater utility.*

Dear Chair Renzullo and Members of the Committee,

The Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) is writing to express its **support of Senate Bill 257**, which allows sewage disposal systems to be part of water and/or sewer utilities.

The RMAC supports this bill because

- Nonpoint source pollution, such as from mismanaged septic systems, is the top contributor of nutrient pollution to rivers;
- Allowing sewage disposal systems to be part of water and/or sewer utilities provides a funding mechanism for proper management of sewage; and
- Increased capacity for maintenance and management decreases the likelihood of problematic pollution of water bodies.

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.

Should you have any questions regarding our testimony **in support of SB257**, please feel free to contact me at 603.796.2615 or MLT@naturesource.net.

Sincerely,



Michele L. Tremblay, Chair

cc: Senators Watters, Avard, Reagan, Sherman, Perkins Kwoka, and Hennessey
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