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**N.H. Rivers Management Advisory Committee**

January 25, 2022

The Honorable Sharon Carson, Chair  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
State House, Room 100  
Concord, NH 03301

**RE: SB 344** *An act relative to the quorum requirements under the right to know law of meetings open to the public.*

Dear Chair Carson and Members of the Committee,

The Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) is writing to express its **support of Senate Bill 344**, which eliminates the requirement for public bodies to have a physical meeting location.

The RMAC supports this bill because

- Our experience was that remote meetings during the pandemic increased attendance and participation at public meetings and
- Current technology allows bodies to conduct meetings effectively and efficiently in a remote setting.

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 SB 344, please feel free to contact me at 603.796.2615 or [MLT@naturesource.net](mailto:MLT@naturesource.net).

Sincerely,



Michele L. Tremblay, Chair

cc: Sen.s Daniels, Hennessey, Cavanaugh, and Perkins Kwoka  
Rep.s Long, Eaton, and Egan  
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