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January 31, 2024

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

RE: HB 1229 *An act relative to the purchase and sale of any interest in real property abutting public waters.*

Dear Chair Renzullo and Members of the Committee,

The Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) is writing to express its **support of House Bill 1229**, which requires notification of the requirements of the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act (Act; RSA 483-B) at the time of sale of a property subject to the Act.

The RMAC supports this bill because

- It protects owners by alerting them of laws and regulations that apply to their property;
- It supports compliance efforts by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) by educating homeowners about permit processes and how they protect the water quality that attracts many people to shorefront homes; and
- It will likely increase compliance with the Act, thereby better protecting water quality and the economic, environmental, recreational, and social values associated with good water quality.

The RMAC is a legislatively created body charged to work with 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 HB 1229, feel free to contact me at 603.796.2615 or MLT@naturesource.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michele L. Tremblay".

Michele L. Tremblay, Chair

cc: Representatives Rung, Coker, Wolf, J. MacDonald, and Crawford
RMAC Representatives
Robert R. Scott, Commissioner, NHDES