LAKE & POND PROTECTION ALERT!

Please help today with a pressing, time-sensitive issue!

As you may know, the Vermont legislature is discussing a bill to keep pollution out of lakes and ponds across the state. The bill, H.223, is smart, forward-thinking and long overdue legislation that is based on undisputed science.

But your help is needed **right now** to be sure this bill is successful! There is a Public Hearing scheduled for tonight, March 12th, at 6 pm in Rm. 11 at the Captiol. If you are a Vermonter who wants to improve our deteriorating water sources and protect them for the future, lawmakers need to hear from you TODAY, prior to the Public Hearing.

Please take a few minutes and contact your district representatives AND the specific representatives who sit on the Fish, Wildlife, & Water Resources Committee. Call and leave a message for them **today if possible** at the State House at 802-828-2228.

In your message, be sure to tell them your name, your town, and that you support H.223, the shorelands bill.

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The members of the Fish, Wildlife & Water Resources Committee and their contact information are below: (you could send a group email to expedite things).

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For more information about this bill, please go to: http://vnrc.org/

(Vermont Natural Resources Council) and click on the first feature, “Speak Up for Clean Lakes”.

\*\*\*Important food for thought **---** Vermont is the only northeastern state that has no state regulations protecting lakes and rivers. Several states (Maine, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York’s Adiriondack Park) had the vision to enact regulations over 40 years ago. Massachusetts and New Hampshire followed in 1983 and 1991 respectively. The beautiful lake states of Wisconsin, Minnesota and Washington were the first to recognize the wisdom of water protection in the late 1960’s and early 1970’s.