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Julie Moore
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Dear Secretary Moore:

Seymour Lake Association supports the effort of VTDEC's Lakes and Ponds Division lead by Manager Oliver Pierson to better protect Vermont's highest water quality lakes using the reclassification process. However, we cannot defend or support the A (1) restriction of limiting septic discharges in A (1) watersheds to 1,000 gpd. This restriction cannot be scientifically defended and would needlessly prevent some land uses in our watershed without a corresponding benefit to water quality.

The resulting situation is that the only barrier standing in the way of Seymour Lake Association and Morgan from submitting a petition for reclassification of Seymour Lake is this restriction.

Thus, we fully support Oliver Pierson's work to find a way for the Legislature to remove or adjust the present septic restriction. We encourage all, who have the ability, to remove this barrier to A (1) reclassification in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

Peggy Barter, WQ Chair, Seymour Lake Association
Rhonda Shippee, President, Seymour Lake Association

CC: Peter Walke, VTDEC Commissioner
Oliver Pierson, VTDEC Lakes and Ponds Manager