



City of Barre, Vermont

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To: Members of the House Fish, Wildlife and Water Resources Committee

From: Steve Micheli, Operator of the Barre Water Treatment Facility and Acting Director of Public Works

Re: House Bill H.33

I fully support House Bill H.33. Municipalities should be able to regulate and implement ordinance as it applies to their source water supply. The City of Barre owns and operates three surface water impoundments. The largest is the Dix Reservoir in the Town of Orange. The Dix is a finite surface water impoundment developed in the 1950's. The Reservoir is approximately 127 acres with an average depth of 13 feet. The Reservoir has three feet of flash boards installed in order to gain volume. Recently the Barre City Council approved stream bank fishing in three designated areas of the Dix Reservoir for recreational purposes. Boating and swimming were never considered due to safety concerns if the flash board system failed.

Please keep control of these Facilities local

**Cc: Steve Mackenzie, P.E. Barre City Manager
Tom Lauzon, Mayor City of Barre**