

Dear Clerk;

I request that this email be distributed to ALL committee members this morning.

Thank-you for your time.

Dear Committee Members;

We urge you to reconsider H. 871.

Being allowed to regulate Berlin pond would be counter to the state constitution, sportsmen's bill of rights, and public trust doctrine.

The cities concerns about this body of water is unfounded. They haven't the right to keep citizens from accessing their resource.

They have already been defeated in court, by vote, at the ANR, and last session in the legislature.

Working with ANR, VT Fish and Wildlife, I am certain that Berlin Pond can be accesses by people, for recreation and sport without damage.

It is unsettling when the City of Montpelier, presses such issue...to no "end" even when a Vermont **Supreme Court decision** found the city lacked authority to deny recreational access;

boaters, swimmers and fishermen were free to test the newly accessible waters

We are avid, sportsman, fishing, hunting and trapping, We know that the benefits to all habitation, waters and land, are owed to the Sportsman!

VOTE NO ON H.871

Thank-you for your time
Raymond Phillips
North Troy, VT

