

My name is Jessica Brodie and I am the Executive Director of the Vermont Recreation & Parks Association that represents over 400 parks and recreation professionals around the state. I am writing in support of House bill H-0187, the Cold Water Life jacket legislation.

Our Vermont Parks & Recreation departments and professionals will greatly benefit from H-0187 because it provides a clear, preventative safety standard that will save lives during Vermont's cold-water seasons, when immersion risk is highest. Our departments are responsible for managing public access to waterways, and this bill gives us a consistent, enforceable tool to protect residents, visitors, and staff alike. H-0187 aligns with core missions of public safety and stewardship, and will reduce preventable tragedies while supporting safe, year-round recreation across Vermont.

Thank you for the work that you do and your time and considerations.

Sincerely,

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