

Testimony in support of House Bill 5341, House Environment Committee Feb. 27, 2025.
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Dear Chair Bennett and Honorable Members of the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee,

I write in strong support of 5341, Rep Chippendale's and cosponsors' bill to collect a small fee to support Rhode Island's laudable freshwater lake management program. I learned last year about the problems of Rhode Island's freshwater lakes and the work that their neighbors were doing to improve their health. I was delighted when this bill passed. At that time, several of us wondered how this would be funded. While those who live on the lakeshore are motivated and clearly understand the need, having a long-term source of funding from those who use a lake is wise and appropriate.

Thanks Rep Chippendale for helping develop one.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Respectfully,



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