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**To:** House Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
**Subject:** House Bill 8093

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To Chairman Bennett and House Environment and Natural Resources Committee Members:

I am writing in favor of House Bill 8093.

House Bill 8093 proposes establishing Rhode Island's Freshwater Lake Management Program - which would be beneficial for several reasons.

It aims to preserve the state's freshwater resources, which provide various benefits such as recreational opportunities, flood mitigation, and habitat provision for wildlife and plants.

The program would facilitate coordination between state and local entities involved in lake management efforts, offering technical and financial assistance to ensure effective implementation. Additionally, the bill mandates field surveys and mapping to address issues like invasive species, aiding in developing targeted management strategies.

Establishing the Rhode Island Lake Management Fund would provide dedicated funding for projects to enhance water quality and habitat. This program represents a proactive approach to safeguarding Rhode Island's freshwater ecosystems for current and future generations.

This bill is of critical importance to the preservation of some of the states most pristine bodies of water- namely Indian Lake --where we live. As you may know, the lake has become infested with an invasive species that will not only destroy this lake, but will spread to many others if left unchecked.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
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