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Department of Environmental Service

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The Honorable Robert H. Haefner, Chairman
House Environment and Agriculture Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 303
Concord, NH 03301

RE: HB 1235, establishing a committee to study and propose a recodification of certain environment-related statutes

Dear Chairman Haefner:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB1235, establishing a committee to study and propose a recodification of certain environment-related statutes. The Department of Environmental Services (DES) supports this bill.

DES recognizes the importance of ensuring that the state's environment-related statutes appear in the Revised Statutes Annotated in a manner that is readily accessible and understood by the general public. DES also recognizes that due to the significant number and variety of environment-related statutes that have been adopted by the legislature over the years, the process of recodifying these statutes will necessarily involve considerable time and effort. Accordingly, DES would be pleased to assist the study committee in its review of the statutes administered by DES should this legislation be enacted.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed legislation. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 271-2958.

Sincerely,

Thomas S. Burack
Commissioner

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