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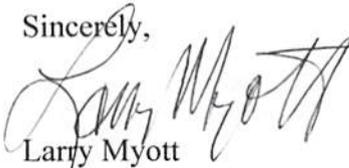
I am a native resident of the Town of Franklin, currently residing at Lake Carmi. I attended the public hearing on this petition at St. Albans on July 18. I have owned a cottage at Lake Carmi since 1993. I am a member of the Board of Directors of the Lake Carmi Campers Association and long-time member of the Franklin Watershed Committee.

I am strongly in favor of this petition to enforce Best Management Practices strictly on all farms in Vermont, whether it is the Lake Champlain Basin, or the Lake Carmi Watershed. Our work at Lake Carmi, has been by very small projects that never make for a significant change in the pollution problems at our lake. The TMDL for Lake Carmi was approved by the EPA in 2009. Despite our efforts and those of the State of Vermont the pollution of Lake Carmi continues to worsen, no progress is being made. In fact, the 2013 statistics in the VT-DEC Lay Monitoring Report show the water quality is continuing to worsen.

The Lake Carmi basin is surrounded by farms; most of the owners respect the land and our lake water quality. However, there are a few farmers who pay no attention to the pollution they are causing. The State of Vermont is not enforcing the existing rules on BMP's; the pollution problems continue to get worse. Our lakes and streams are receiving disproportionate amounts of phosphorus each year. The TMDL established that 80% of the nutrient loading into Lake Carmi comes from farm activity. The water samples taken weekly, since 2008, support the TMDL data. The water results may be viewed on the VT Agency of Natural Resources website at: [www.franklinwatershedvt.org](http://www.franklinwatershedvt.org).

I ask that the Vermont Agency of Agriculture enforce the Best Management Practices that have been accepted by the State of Vermont. Only enforcement action will assist in reducing the continuing pollution at Lake Carmi and Lake Champlain.

Sincerely,



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