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To The Ottertail County Commissioners,

I am a property owner on Devil's Lake in Ottertail County and am not in favor of the proposed lake improvement district (LID). Currently there are some residents who have property impacted by the temporary high water table, and unfortunately a wet cycle lasting many years drove the water up and affected cabins/homes primarily on one side of the lake. I have empathy for those individuals suffering but I am not in favor of the LID. Perhaps their cabins/homes were too close to the lake edge?

I do care about the water quality of Devils Lake now and in the future but am opposed to the levying of an ad valorem tax solely on property within the district. Also, the solutions being proposed to regulate the high water appear to be very expensive and ineffective for the amount of water currently impacting some but not all property owners on Devils Lake. There is lack of clear understanding of costs and power associated with a LID. It also appears to be misrepresentation of a petition and what the signatures for exploration of a LID vs. in favor of a LID. For these reasons I am compelled to write to you and strongly oppose the formation of a LID on Devils & Little Devils Lake.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this important decision.

Respectfully, *Susan Toms*

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