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I am writing to express a concern regarding these bills. I am a waterfront homeowner who has taken measures to protect my property, but have observed neighbors who have made no such efforts. I think it is important that, if these bills are to pass, that there should be a provision requiring property owners who are "at risk" to make reasonable measures to protect their property before an emergency no-wake declaration can go into effect. It is not fair to the recreational boaters of the State to limit their use of the water if the property owners have not taken any measures to protect their property, when such measures would be reasonably expected to obviate the need for a temporary no-wake zone. We have had high water levels for many months now, and this is not an emergent, unexpected "surprise" to have high water levels. It is one thing for a boat's wake to wash over sandbags; it is another thing entirely for a property owner to neglect the reality of current water levels, and fail to take reasonable, appropriate measures under these circumstances.

Thank-you for your consideration,

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