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Commissioner Robert Klee
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Commissioner Klee,

Due to increased activity at Gardner Lake State Park, both in numbers of people using the beach and boaters on the lake trying to access the beach, we believe instituting a 90 day ban on alcohol would be prudent in an effort to insure maximum safety for park goers.

We have enclosed photos showing the large crowds, and as you can see there are boats with propellers accessing the swimming area and in close proximity of swimmers. Combining alcohol with this large crowd can only lead to potential trouble. There already has been an assault allegedly due to alcohol abuse where the police were summoned.

Our read of Section 23-4-1E of the state statutes seems to give the Commissioner the authority to limit alcohol consumption at least on a temporary basis until a more formal policy can be enacted.

We, the undersigned, encourage consideration of this action by the Commissioner before any serious accident occurs as result of alcohol consumption.

We stand ready to assist in anyway necessary.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "P. Formica", enclosed within a large, loopy oval scribble.

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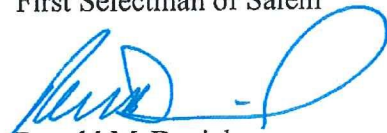
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