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February 8, 2022

Subject: Hiring a Replacement for the retired Amy Piccotte

To: Sec. Julie Moore, VT Agency of Natural Resources

Ref: Letter of 2/8/2022 from Pat Suozzi, President of the Federation of Vermont Lakes and Ponds

Dear Sec. Moore:

I fully support the hiring of a replacement for Amy Piccotte. My wife and I are recipients of the Lake Wise award. Amy met with us to make sure we were on track to meet the requirements of the Lake Wise award. The Lake Wise program is the prime avenue for individual lake property owners to receive valuable information on steps they can take to improve water quality. This program MUST continue in order to educate these owners on the urgency of improving water quality, and a person on DEC payroll is necessary to provide the proper guidance and encouragement to these property owners. Our lake association is working to make property owners aware of the Lake Wise program and who to contact in DEC so they can follow through. Without a replacement for Amy, our association hits a dead end, and water quality suffers.

Sincerely,



Roger Crouse
Board Member, Lake Iroquois Assn.

cc: Peter Walke, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

Senate Natural Resource and Energy Committee

House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife