

It is Heating up in Madison to Protect Our Lakes

A public hearing on **SB1024** (“we are for 1024”) and **SB1025** (the wrong bill) was just announced for the Senate Transportation and Local Government Committee for Thursday Feb 19 at 11:30AM. We need to contact our state senators (here in Door County and if you vote elsewhere in WI) today or tomorrow at the latest. We also need to contact the five committee members

We need to urge them to **vote for SB1024**. I have included straightforward, data-driven important aspects of this compromise bill in a template letter below for your reference when you call or email your state Senators and the Transportation and Local Government Committee members. You can also include requesting they oppose SB1025 and its companion Assembly bill AB1033.

Our State Senator is Andre Jacque who co-authored this bill. If you want to call or email your vote of support for this bill to protect our lakes and local government, and thank him for being a co-sponsor, please do.

André Jacque, Senate District 1 (New Franken), Phone (608) 266-3512, Email Sen.Jacque@legis.wisconsin.gov

The members on the Transportation & Local Government Committee are as follows. You can click on their name to get their email address, if you prefer to write rather than call.

- [Cory Tomczyk \(Chair\), Senate District 29 \(Mosinee\)](#), Phone (608) 266-2502
- [Rob Hutton \(vice-chair\), Senate District 5 \(Brookfield\)](#) Phone (608) 266-2512
- [Van H. Wanggaard, Senate District 21 \(Racine\)](#) Phone (608) 266-1832
- [Tim Carpenter, Senate District 3 \(Milwaukee\)](#) Phone (608) 266-8535
- [Mark Spreitzer, Senate District 15 \(Beloit\)](#) Phone (608) 266-2253

If you prefer to write to your Senator and Assembly representatives, here is an example template to use as is or modify to make it more personal.

Template Letter

Subject: PROTECT OUR LAKES: Oppose **AB 1033/SB 1025** and **Support SB 1024**

Dear Legislator,

As a constituent and a dedicated steward of Wisconsin’s natural resources, I am writing to urge you to **oppose AB 1033 and SB 1025** and instead **support** the protections in **SB 1024**.

Wisconsin's glacial lakes are shared public treasures, but they are currently under threat from "industry-first" legislation. AB 1033 and SB 1025 propose a 300-foot buffer that is wholly inadequate and, more dangerously, lacks any depth requirements. Without a depth standard, high-energy wakes will continue to scour our lakebeds, destroying the "aquatic canopy" and fish habitats that take centuries to form.

I encourage you to support the reasonable, compromise-driven regulations found in **SB 1024**, which include:

- **A 500-foot distance from shore.**
- **A 20-foot minimum depth requirement.**
- **Explicit protection of Local Control**, ensuring that our towns and villages retain their 50-year-old right to protect their specific, unique waterways.

Our lakes are public resources, not private water parks for a few specialized boats that cost as much as an average Wisconsin home. Please stand with your constituents and protect the health and safety of our waters for generations to come.

I look forward to seeing you stand up for our lakes by voting **NO on AB 1033/SB 1025** and **YES on SB 1024**.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Address/District]

[Your Phone]

If you can attend and speak out in favor of SB1024, please do. It will begin at 11:30 on Feb 19 in 411 South building. <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/raw/cid/1973784>

If you cannot attend, you can still watch the hearing LIVE on WisEye at <https://wiseye.org/schedule/>

Any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Gwenn Graboyes by phone (414-315-4546) or by email (gwenn.graboyes@gmail.com). Thank you for all you can do to protect Clark Lake and all other similar lakes in WI which are under an onslaught by the wakesports industry and their lobbyists.