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Dear Peter Welch Committee,

The Town of Barton supports the Town of Glover's request to secure funding from Congressionally Directed Spending through Senator Welch's office, for repairs on the Shadow Lake Dam.

We know the towns of Glover, Barton, Orleans and Coventry are located near the Barton River downstream of Shadow Lake dam. All towns experienced severe flooding in 2023 and 2024. These floods resulted in the loss of homes, business, critical infrastructure and more. Some businesses did not reopen or moved out of town. Some residents relocated to find temporary housing. This creates economic hardship in an already struggling town.

While none of us were alive in 1810 when "Runaway Pond" let go, we know we do not want history to repeat itself! Two hundred and sixteen years later and the surrounding communities still recall this incident. If such a catastrophic event were to happen again, surely lives would be lost, and the economic impact would be severe.

The Town of Glover strives to make their community and ours a safer place to live for generations to come.

The Town of Barton recognizes that preventing another flooding incident like the Runaway Pond is vital. The town of Glover along with engineers are working to get the dam into compliance with the Dam Safety Program. The Town of Barton recognizes a financial burden is anticipated for the Town of Glover and we want and need to support their efforts. We are very supportive of the town's efforts to obtain Congressionally Directed Spending funds. Improvements to Shadow Lake Dam are imperative to our community's safety as well. Please consider Glover as your choice.

Sincerely,



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