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Senator Peter Welch
115 Russell Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Welch,

The Town of Coventry supports the Town of Glover's request to secure Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) for repairs on the Shadow Lake Dam. If the dam were to fail, flooding of the Barton River is likely. The Barton River passes through Coventry, downstream of the Towns of Barton and Glover, where it empties into Lake Memphremagog.

History teaches us an important lesson. In 1810, the "Runaway Pond" catastrophically inundated the Barton River from Glover all the way to Lake Memphremagog. Shadow Lake is located near the former "Runaway Pond" and also empties into the Barton River. We do not want this history to repeat itself. If such a catastrophic flood were to happen again, lives could be lost and the economic impact would be severe.

Sincerely,



Kerry Keement
Selectboard Chair