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Senator Joe Leibham
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Dear Senator Leibham,

The Commission of Sanitary District #1, Towns of Rhine and Plymouth, encompassing Crystal Lake in Sheboygan County, agrees with Cedar Lake (Manitowoc County), Wilke Lake, MCLA (Manitowoc County Lakes Association), and many, many concerned people and organizations that care about our greatest natural resource, our lakes. We believe phosphorus should be banned from lawn care products. Over 90% of the lakes studied show they are phosphorous overloaded. Phosphorus causes excessive algae blooms and severely limits the recreational use of these lakes with the increased weed growth.

The State of Minnesota and Dane County in Wisconsin have already enacted bans on phosphorus. The Sanitary District could enact an ordinance prohibiting phosphorus use, but enforcement would be problematic. The best way is to inhibit availability, and have phosphorus banned from lawn care products on a statewide basis. Wisconsin may ban phosphorus eventually, but time is against us. Why are we letting our lakes be destroyed?

Please introduce legislation to ban phosphorus in lawn care products, and help preserve these lakes for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
The Commissioners