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Dear Honorable Committee Members,

Our family has owned property, Pergin Farm, on the southern end of Deep Creek Lake for over 100 years. We have seen many changes to the health and topography of the lake over this time span.

Currently, the lake is experiencing several severe problems; invasive and nuisance plant growth, erosion and accumulated sediment in our coves, and the lack of a management plan to deal with these issues.

Due to increased vegetation growth, boating and swimming enjoyment is being limited and sediment buildup in cove areas is decreasing the property values as well as reducing the capacity of the power plant.

We are in support of 2024 Maryland House Bill 910. We see a need for requiring Brookfield Power to lower the lake level 30 days during the winter months over a period of four years and a legislative request for DNR to collect research and study the invasive and nuisance plant species and the impact of the lower lake level on these plants during this draw down. Lake level "draw downs" have historically prevented the growth of the vegetation by exposing it to the cold temperatures. Our family has witnessed this personally.

Please support this bill so the enjoyment and value of Deep Creek Lake will continue for future generations.

Respectfully,

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