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President and Board of Directors
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Dear President of the Board and Board Members,

It has come to my attention that at the last meeting of Lake Lucerne Advancement Association held on August 30, 2025, a motion was made to ban wake boats on Lake Lucerne. It is also my understanding that, in response to that motion, the Lake Association has created a special committee on wake boats that plans to conduct a membership survey.

As a longstanding homeowner on Lake Lucerne as well as a wake boat owner, I am dismayed, for several reasons, by the Lake Association's actions at the last meeting and in the time since. I care deeply about the health of Lake Lucerne as well as the wellbeing of my neighbors and am confident, based on my experience and sound science, that the proposed ban is arbitrary and unnecessary for either the protection of Lake Lucerne or the community.

Given my concern and commitment to Lake Lucerne and my neighbors, I have retained foremost scientists in the fields of environmental science and engineering, with experience conducting wake boat assessments on multiple lakes, to conduct an assessment of safe wake boating on Lake Lucerne, including depth and vertical buffer areas necessary for safe operation. When operated within a clearly discernable wake sport zone, wake boats pose no unique risk to the lake bottom, shoreline, aquatic species, or other recreators on the lake. Additionally, wake boats on Lake Lucerne pose little to no risk of spreading invasive species because, unlike smaller fishing boats, wake boats primarily remain on the Lake. Because wake boats generally are not moved around from lake to lake or are moved around with much less frequency than fishing boats, they pose a much lower risk of transporting invasive species into the lake.

In addition to my concerns about the lack of practical and scientific bases for the Lake Association's proposed actions respecting wake boating, the proposed actions also make legal action likely, if not necessary. As a not-for-profit organization, the Lake Association has no regulatory authority to put into place the proposed wake boat ban.

In concluding, the proposed survey and ban are not practically or scientifically in furtherance of the purpose of the Lake Association, which is to "preserve and protect Lake Lucerne and its surroundings, and to enhance the water quality, fishery, boating safety, and aesthetic values of Lake Lucerne". As such, the actions are ultra vires. In addition, the Lake Association lacks the legal authority to implement a wake boat ban. The Lake Association's proposed actions, if

carried out, stand to do nothing more than threaten the integrity of the community surrounding the Lake that we all know and care deeply about. For the foregoing reasons, I request that the proposed survey and any regulatory actions be halted at this time and further discussion regarding the same be had at the next Lake Association regular meeting.

Please not hesitate to reach out by phone or email at any time.

Regards,

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