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I AM AGAINST HB0910.

I currently reside in the small town of Friendsville MD. The Youghiogheny River flows through the town and provides considerable benefits for its residents, business owners, and whitewater enthusiasts.

The Youghiogheny is a world class river that attracts paddlers from across the states for its beauty and consistent releases. This resource is a huge driver of "boater" traffic into town that translates into income for businesses and has driven many to place roots down here. Late summer and fall releases are a key component of this ecosystem, when other rivers dry up people know the Yough will be running. I believe that the proposed adjustment to the current water release and lake management program, **which was established with input from all constituents**, is ignorant of and harmful to the whitewater user group and the town of Friendsville.

The river and water in the lake are public resources, and the use of those resources should be carefully maintained for **ALL** users. The current lake management plan does just that. Lake levels are more than sufficient for the vast majority of lake users in the late summer and fall, but removing those releases would directly harm the interests of the whitewater user group and the town of Friendsville.

I hope that you consider how the changes proposed by HB0910 hurt user groups downstream of Deep Creek Lake and vote against it.

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Sincerely,

George Boss