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## TRANSCRIPT OF SEN. DAVE COX'S STATEMENT:

Good afternoon. I'm David Keller, the district representative for state Senator Dave Cox. I'm pleased to be here today.

I'll keep my comments brief. But, before I go any further, I would like to take this opportunity to say that the senator appreciates the scoping sessions being conducted in Chester as well as the opportunity for public testimony.

The senator has had the opportunity to be briefed both by the water board staff and by members of the Save Lake Almanor Committee.

In Sen. Cox's meeting with the water board's staff, he expressed his clear and strong opposition to the thermal curtain proposal. That remains his position today. He believes that a thermal curtain would damage the ecology of the lake and the economy of the region. There is overwhelming opposition to the thermal curtain by the community and other affected parties.

At the same time, the senator supports the community's plan, which emphasizes streamside shade restoration to decrease downstream water temperatures. There is unified support in the community for the plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to be here on Senator Cox's behalf.