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Every day there seems to be new and unfortunately increasing examples of incompetent leadership in all level of our government. Common sense is rare and, it seems, fading fast. People at high levels are making decisions for us that end up hurting us yet they seem to blunder ahead, oblivious or uncaring about the consequences of their decisions. This is a nationwide problem but I am of course, referring to the Thermal Curtain issue that hits us right here at home.

I am quite sure you have heard all the factual arguments on both sides of the issue. But let me say simply that Lake Almanor is a crown jewel in California. There is no place quite like it. The fishing in the lake has taken years to develop and perfect. The simple fact is if the Thermal Curtain will truly diminish that then we sink into mediocrity and the negative impact will be far reaching and impact everyone like falling dominos. Why would anyone vote to risk that for what gain? Clearly the benefit of raising the water temperature down stream has a questionable overall benefit and is speculative. Obviously there is some political or “back door” advantage that has to be motivating someone. It certainly isn’t common sense.

When you objectively weigh the potential benefits of the Thermal Curtain, they are uncertain at best. You have to wonder how any intelligent person could decide to throw away such a treasure for such a questionable benefit. The only conclusion is that such a person would have to have little or no understanding of the far reaching impact on Lake Almanor or that they do understand but are motivated by an overriding political or financial interest of their own.

Please hear the voices of the people who will be affected by this and want to preserve our “treasure”. There are not that many treasures left in our state. We can’t afford to waste this one. Please stand up and be a leader for us. Good leaders are rare these days.

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