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I am a Belgrade resident and live on Great Pond. Three of the seven lakes in the Belgrade chain have experienced significant algae blooms and the cause is the amount of phosphorus in the water. Phosphorus leaches into the lake from various sources and septic systems are a major source. Studies in Minnesota have shown that a typical leaking septic system can result in 2,000 pounds of algae growth. Algae can be more than unsightly - it can be toxic to people and pets. An algae bloom like we have seen in North Pond and East Pond can result in sick people, fewer visitors to the state, and lower property values. Please support LD 1550.