

Rudy Davis
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LD 164

Dear members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee:

My name is Rudy Davis and I am the President of the Sebec Lake Association. My family also spend the summer at Sebec Lake. On behalf of the Sebec Lake Association, and my entire extended family, I am asking for your support today for LD 164: An Act to Fund the Lake Restoration and Protection Fund.

The effects of increased development and land clearing, and the expanding threat of invasive plant species such as Hydrilla and Eurasian Millfoil, are putting our lakes at greater risk with every passing day. Funding for lake protection projects, including implementation of Best Management Practices, replacement of failing septic systems, stronger invasive species prevention and management programs, and treatment of lakes with chronic algae blooms are desperately needed to safeguard lake health in the coming decades. Our lakes are the economic engine that drive many small communities. This is certainly the case for the four communities that border Sebec.

I urge you to invest in the healthy future of Maine's lakes today to protect local economies, outdoor tourism, sporting and recreation businesses, drinking water supplies, wildlife habitat and so much more for all who use lakes in the future.

Signed,

Rudy Davis, President
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Dover Foxcroft, ME