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Dear members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee,

My name is John Daubenspeck and I spend the summers in Willimantic, Maine on Sebec Lake. I am asking for your support today for LD 164: An Act to Fund the Lake Restoration and Protection Fund.

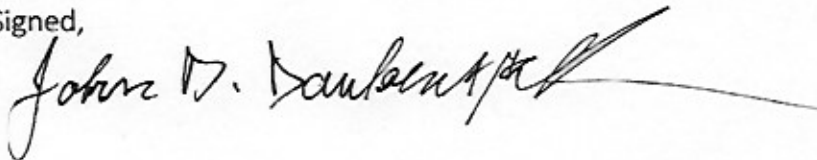
I am the Vice President of the Sebec Lake Association, representing approximately 1,000 camps along Sebec Lake's shores. The association mission is to preserve and protect the lake. We focus much of our time on issues regarding lake water quality, being on the lookout for invasive fish and plants, and protecting the watershed that feeds water into Sebec Lake.

The health of the lake is a significant part of keeping Maine as the premier Vacationland for us. The town we live in (Willimantic) is heavily dependent on the tax revenue from the camps that are on the lake's shores. This support can only continue in full force with a healthy and clean lake to attract camp owners.

As the Maine Lakes organization has written; *"The effects of warming waters, longer growing seasons, larger rain events, and increased development pressure 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 management programs, and treatment of lakes with chronic algae blooms are desperately needed to safeguard lake health in the coming decades."*

Please enthusiastically support LD 164: An Act to Fund the Lake Restoration and Protection Fund..

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John D. Daubenspeck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.