Mark Whiting Ellsworth LD 164

Dear members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Mark Whiting. I live in Ellsworth and I am a retired scientist. I am asking for your support today for LD 164: An Act to Fund the Lake Restoration and Protection Fund.

There is a critical need for more 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 invest in Maine's future by protecting our natural resources. Thanks. Signed, Dr Mark Whiting