January 30, 2023

Dear members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee,

We are: Mary Jane Dillingham, Manager of Water Quality, Maine Water Company
Susan Lessard, Bucksport Town Manager
Hans Krichels, Bucksport resident; Bucksport NEXT Steering Committee member
Michael Hawes, Silver Lake Estates owner and operator, Bucksport

We are asking for your support for LD 164: An Act to Fund the Lake Restoration and Protection Fund.

Silver Lake, in the Town of Bucksport, is the community's resource for quality drinking water for more than 1600 people and supports passive recreation that greatly enhances the quality of life in Bucksport.

The threats of climate change, transportation of non-native invasive plants and animals, and apathy cannot be ignored. We are speaking for Silver Lake and all other lakes in Maine today, asking you to provide the funding so these precious waters can be protected, cared for, and available to the people of Maine for generations to come.

Thank you for all you have done on behalf of Maine and our water. Maine's political history protecting our natural resources is something to be very proud of and today you can continue to do the honors by supporting LD 164 providing greatly needed assistance to protect our lakes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Dillingham

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