

*My name is Mark Benson and I live in Limerick, ME on Lake Arrowhead. I am asking for your support today for LD 693, a bill that would prohibit large wake generating boats from within 500' of shore and in water less than 20' deep.*

*Lake Arrowhead is experiencing considerable shoreline erosion due to boat wake. The effects of the erosion is usually hidden from sight but is clearly visible when the water level is low. In places, up to six feet of soil has been removed from underneath the shoreland vegetation. Trees along the shoreline can be seen leaning towards the water and eventually fall in as the substrate below is removed by boat wake. Boat wake is actually killing trees and contributes to higher levels of siltation of the water bodies.*

*The wake generated by wake boats on Lake Arrowhead produces waves that are so large that they actually break, and crash onto the shoreline. Waves even wash right over docks. It has to stop.*

*LD 693 is a solution that will keep large waves away from our fragile lake shorelines. My wife and I love the lakes, ponds and streams of Maine and hope they stay healthy and beautiful forever. They will need the help of LD 693 to make our hope a reality.*

*Please vote to support LD 693 to help preserve the shorelines of Maine's lakes. Thank you.*

*Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Benson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

*Mark Benson, Limerick, Maine, year round resident Lake Arrowhead*