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LD 1473

My name is Laurie O'Higgins, and I have lived and worked in Lewiston Maine (where my husband and I live) for over thirty years. We have raised our son here. Prior to living in Maine, I have lived for years in the UK and in Ireland, spent a year in Berkeley, CA, and five years in Ohio. Everywhere I lived before there were significant water rates, and, frankly, the water did not taste as good as it does here. As a runner, I drink a lot of it!

I am very anxious about the recent re-zoning of land within the Lake Auburn watershed, a decision over which I had no control, but which undoubtedly will affect the quality and price of water within the twin cities. As a citizen and taxpayer, I urge passage of 1473, to protect our water. Our community's clean water--and Lake Auburn is a shining example--should not be traded away for developments designed primarily to line the pockets of a very few. There are environmentally more responsible ways of addressing our shortage of low cost housing.