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Dear Committee Members,

The bill as written is unthoughtful, unacceptable, and inconsiderate of a systems-thinking view of our environment. Please OPPOSE L.D. 1823 because it threatens to undermine multiple Maine statutes that offer critical protections to our wildlife, our environment, and Maine landowners. We need to view ourselves as being part of the environment, not apart from it. LD 1823 also disrespects the authority of the legislature and agencies that created these statutes to assure these vital protections. In fact, I think we need legislation that further protects wildlife FROM human impact. Consider the fact that bird strikes on buildings and houses is one of the highest causes for bird mortality, particularly during migration. Allowing a free-for-all because of the ill-informed idea of food sovereignty will be devastating to our ecosystem. Please oppose LD 1823.

Kind regards, Barbara A. Fiore Portland, ME