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I own a home on one of Maine's inland lakes so I have a personal interest and personal stake in keeping Maine's lakes pristine for the present and future generations. Aside from this, I also recognize as I hope you will as well the importance of keeping invasive aquatic species out of the Maine inland lakes and waterways. The lakes provide natural habitat for water fowl, birds, fish, large and small mammals. They are also an important resource for the Maine economy: tourism, home ownership, local and out of state tax revenue, as well as providing seasonal outdoor activities and sports. Maine is known for its environmental consciousness and expansive outdoor beauty and uniqueness. It is unlike any other state and it is why people from all over the world are attracted to our state. Support of the lakes and their health is absolutely necessary on so many levels I cannot imagine this bill will not be seen as essential to pass. It doesn't take much to look around the country at areas where waters are drying up dying to see the devastation to the economy and livelihoods of residents, not to mention the habitat that are dependent upon the waters for their survival. We must be stewards for nature and all of Maine's waters if we want to live in a world of balance, beauty and be the benefactors of the future of Maine. I strongly support the passage of this bill and encourage you to do so as well. Thank you.