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Keeping them out of McGrath Pond and Salmon Lake is a very big job, and we certainly welcome the help that LD 2141 could provide. Speaking for the 100 families who are members of my lake association, I strongly encourage you to support it.

Thank you very much,

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