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LD 2141

Dear Chair LaFountain, Chair Landry, and members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee,

I would like to express my support for LD 2141, a bill that will fund the work needed to reduce the spread of invasive aquatic species in Maine lakes.

Controlling the spread is the best way to protect our lakes and each year you hear about more lakes being impacted.

I have owned a home on Maranacook Lake for over 8 years. As a homeowner, I care about this issue because I know how devastating invasive infestations can be to a lake, its wildlife, and its surrounding community. We are surrounded by lakes battling this issue and we are just one boat away from having the same problem here.

I am a member of the Maranacook Lake Association, and I am very aware of the limited funding available to do anything about this. Lake associations do not have the level of funds needed to address these issues, either proactively or after the devastation has occurred.

I urge you to support LD 2141 in order to protect the future health of Maine's lakes.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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