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LD 2141 – **In Support**

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

My name is Zack Ladd and I am a resident of Bowdoin, ME. I am writing in support of LD 2141, a bill to support the growing need for funding and better protections for our inland water bodies. I have personally recreated on lakes with invasive milfoils and seen their detriment to fishing, boating, and other recreation. Friends and colleagues of mine have personally felt the impact of invasive species on waters they own property on. It is in our best interest as a state to implement further protections for lakes, especially as more and more visitors from other states visit “Vacationland” to enjoy what our state has to offer, potentially bringing with them additional nuisance species that will leave lasting and costly impacts.

Thank you for your consideration, and I hope you agree with the need to support this critical work.

Best Regards,

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