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LD 2141

I'm writing in support of LD2141. My husband and I moved to Maine in 2013 after having bought property on a lake in Mount Vernon in 2007.

Growing up in the suburbs of Connecticut, I never realized the time and effort needed to maintain the lake's habitat and environment. I'm sure I'm not alone. As a board member of the 30 Mile River Association, the Minnehonk Lake Association, and an invasive plant patrol person for our lake, I've learned a lot. Invasive plants are hard to spot, identify, and there are not enough boat inspectors. The cost is high should invasive plants take hold - as seen with Androscoggin and other lakes in Maine. This impacts all of us in Maine. The tourist industry depends on our having clean, swimmable, fishable, lakes. Better protections and education will go a long way. I hope you will support this bill.

Thank you.