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LD 296 An act to appropriate funds to the lake water quality restoration and protection fund.

This summer will mark our 13th year providing LakeSmart Evaluations as well as Water Quality testing i.e. Secchi disc readings on McGrath Pond and Salmon Lake. Additionally, we have served on our MP/SL Association board, participated in 3 watershed surveys, worked on our Watershed Management Plan and attended countless 7 Lakes Alliance Lake Trust meetings, trainings or procured their services. Finally, our water quality committee is actively working with multiple stakeholders in hopes of remediation of further Oakland capped landfill leachate including PFAS from entering McGrath Pond, one of the 2 headwaters of the Belgrade lakes chain. Selfishly, we do this work because of our financial investment, our own blood sweat and tears helped us realize our newly built camp! More importantly we do this work because we realize the economic, environmental and humane value that clean, clear healthy lake water provides. The health of our lakes is dependent on a well-funded fully functioning DEP. The programs we provide or services we purchase are integrally connected to the DEP. Our hours are volunteer hours, but gray-haired volunteers alone will not keep our 6,000 lakes and ponds healthy. Please support LD 296 an act to appropriate 4 million dollars over 2 years to the lake water quality restoration and protection fund. Thank you. Kimberly and David Hallee