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LD 296

I am writing to respectfully ask you to vote in favor of this bill.

My family has had a camp on Flying Pond (Mt. Vernon/Kennebec County) for 60 years, and we treasure the clean water of our pond. I am also on the board of 30 Mile River Watershed Association, and we are working as hard as we can to preserve and protect the freshwaters of our area.

Our lakes and ponds face so many challenges: development, warmer summers, invasive plants, stronger rainstorms, road runoff, and more.

Seasonal residents like our family pay a disproportionate share of local property taxes and demand little services in return. But if our lakes become infested, dirty and even dangerous, property values will fall, along with local revenue.

Please vote with both your hearts and pocketbooks on LD 296.