Kirstie Ludwig 30 Mile River Watershed Assoc LD 296

Greetings. My name is Kirstie Ludwig and I am a board member of 30 Mile River Watershed Association. I reside in Fayette Maine and am fortunate enough to live on David Pond. I passionately encourage you all to realize the dire need in supporting bill LD296. There is tremendous need for state funding and grant availability for our lakes, ponds and streams in Maine. The passage of this bill will directly support small environmental non-profit groups such as ours. Our staff and many volunteers are dedicated to keeping our lakes clean and free from invasives. Water quality monitoring, boat inspections and educational materials all cost money, and more every year as our climate is changing and we struggle to keep programs funded by individual donors and supporters. Please recognize Maine's responsibility to support our biggest natural resource. With respect and gratitude for all your work in the Maine State Legislature, Kirstie Ludwig