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LD 77

Senator Baldacci, Representative Roberts, and IFW committee members,
My name is Spencer Knowles, and I am an active registered Maine Fishing Guide and avid year-round angler from Arrowsic, Maine. I am here today to express my strong support for LD 77, a bill that I believe will have a positive and lasting impact on both our inland fisheries and the conservation of Maine's natural resources.

The proposed \$7 license increase is a crucial step for the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to effectively conserve and enhance our fisheries. As someone who has spent my lifetime fishing our state waters I want my children—and generations of Mainers to come—to have the same opportunities to create lasting memories in these same places. A \$32 fishing license is a reasonable investment for Mainers who want to enjoy and sustainably use our state's resources.

We are facing unprecedented challenges from the effects of climate change to growing development pressures. This funding will provide Maine IFW with the necessary resources to protect, manage, and enhance our incredible fisheries in the face of these challenges ensuring that our waters remain vibrant and productive for both anglers and wildlife.

In closing, I urge you to support and pass LD 77 for the future of Maine's fisheries, anglers, and outdoor enthusiasts. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Spencer Knowles