

Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera, and members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee, my name is Peter Lindsay and I live in North Yarmouth, near the shore of Casco Bay and the Gulf of Maine.

I am writing in support of **LD 646, an Act to Establish the Commission to Study Unregulated Storm Water Pollution.**

I have been a boater on Casco Bay waters for over 40 years and I treasure the beauty and the wonders of our coast. We also welcome the cool waters in the summer, taking dips in the waters off of Falmouth Town Landing and other coastal beaches, and we welcome friends and family to Maine to show off our amazing local resources. Finally, one of my greatest enjoyments is that, where we keep our boat on a mooring, there are kayakers, young people fishing, commercial lobstermen, swimmers, motor boats and sailboats, and tourists just taking in the beauty of the Maine coast.

However, stormwater pollution threatens Maine's tourism, fishing industry, health of swimmers, and the quality of our waters. The current stormwater regulations are not adequate to address development in our region and stronger storms such as those a year ago.

This proposed study commission will help to identify where we can improve the stormwater rules in Maine, help to prevent pollution, and help us prepare for the future with sound policies and stronger protections.

I urge you to vote to establish this important commission and to enact LD 646. Thank you.