Eric Sofen Freeport LD 646

My name is Eric Sofen, and I live in Freeport. I am writing to express my strong support for LD 646 because Maine's waters—and the communities that rely on them—are at risk from stormwater pollution.

I live in the neighborhood adjacent to the Freeport Sewer District and am an avid sea kayaker and an environmental chemist, so I can't help but think about our impact on water quality on a regular basis. The impact of stormwater pollution is sometimes visibly obvious on the water, while at other times less visibly impacts water chemistry and biology in ways that impact the local shellfish industry, recreation, and the marine ecosystem. We can meet the pressures from coastal development with tighter regulation and better mitigation technology. I urge you to vote in support of LD646.