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To: Environment and Natural Resources Committee

From: Megunticook Watershed Association

Re: LD 646: Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study Unregulated Storm Water Pollution

Please support LD 646. Stormwater pollution is a growing threat to Maine's waterways particularly as more frequent and intense rainstorms cause erosion, washing bacteria, pesticides, toxic chemicals, and excess nutrients from the watersheds directly into lakes, rivers and streams. Nutrient pollution feeds algal growth, which in excess can threaten the health humans and animals, making our lakes and ponds uninhabitable and unusable.

We are asking that Maine's stormwater regulations keep pace with increasing development and shifting weather patterns. LD 296 would help strengthen stormwater protections for Maine by establishing a study commission to identify gaps in Maine's stormwater rules; developing smart, science-backed solutions to prevent pollution; and laying the groundwork for stronger protections for our waters that will benefit Maine's people, our wildlife and sporting heritage, and our economy.

Maine great ponds and waterways are a limited and precious resource. Please support LD 646.

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