Becky McKinnell Cumberland LD 646

Dear Members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Becky McKinnell, and I am a resident of Cumberland, a beach lover, and an avid explorer of the islands of Casco Bay. I also have a small residential oyster farm with my family, so clean and healthy waters are essential to my way of life.

Stormwater pollution threatens Maine's coastal waters by carrying bacteria, chemicals, and excess nutrients into our bays every time it rains. This pollution affects marine life, recreation, and the livelihoods of those who rely on the water.

LD 646 is a necessary step to improve stormwater management in Maine. By establishing a study commission, we can develop proactive solutions to prevent pollution and protect our waters for future generations. I urge you to support LD 646 to help safeguard the places we all cherish.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Becky McKinnell