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Greetings All. I am writing this testimony to ask for your support of LD646, an act to establish a committee to study unregulated storm water pollution. For a number of years, I have been a board member of 30 Mile River Watershed Association. A non-profit organization with a mission to preserve, improve and protect the water quality in our watershed. I am fortunate to live on a pond in Fayette ME called David Pond. I have been president of our road association for many years and have actively worked with our DEP certified contractor to manage our road to the best practices described in "Maintaining Gravel Roads." Year after year we invest money and volunteer labor, as well as our professional contractor, to keep stormwater runoff from our pristine pond. As everyone knows, the storms have become more prevalent and powerful with increased damage to roadways. Culverts and ditches cannot handle the extreme deluge of water. Individual road associations and lake associations are unable to solve this on our own. I chaired our Comprehensive Plan Committee which was completed in 2023 and 78% of the residents felt it was "very important" to protect our town's natural resources, and that water quality in our local lakes, ponds and streams the the most concerning and and important to them. Please support LD646 to insure our lakes for generations to come. With gratitude for all you do in the legislature, Kirstie Ludwig