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Committee Agriculture Conservation, and Forestry
c/o Legislative Information Office
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Augusta, ME 04333

Testimony in support of LD 592 - An Act to Extend Funding for the Land for Maine's Future Program

This letter is an affirmation of the strong support for LD 592 by the Maine members of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers. Backcountry Hunters and Anglers is a nationwide organization that advocates for public land conservation and public access opportunities for hunting and fishing, as well as the conservation and sound management of wildlife and wildlife habitat.

Over 90% of land in Maine is privately owned, more land is being developed daily, and No Trespassing signs are becoming more common. The Land for Maine's Future Program has played a vital role by providing Maine's citizens with access to thousands of acres of land and access to waters across the state for public recreation. While demand for outdoor recreation is increasing, LMF will run out of money soon. To ensure that Maine's outdoor heritage and recreation economy remain healthy, it's critical that the Legislature approve additional LMF funds this year.

We wish to thank all co-sponsoring legislators for the support of this bill and encourage the Committee to support LD 592.

Sincerely,

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