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LD 531: Dam Ownership

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**In Favor of the Bill**

My Name is Sam Lteif and resident in Orland on Toddy Pond. I wish to strongly endorse passage of LD 531.

I can't imagine that we would intentionally allow Toddy Pond and Alamoosook Lake to disappear. It would be a tragic mistake! The lakes provide wonderful wildlife habitat, great recreational access for family and friends to enjoy time together during the Maine summers. and provide the 4 towns high value property taxes to support the towns budgets.

The boat launch on Toddy, located on Route 1 in Orland is one of the busiest in Hancock County. Last year, over 1,000 boats went through the Courtesy Boat Inspection program. This might suggest that people are coming into the 4 towns and provide direct support to the many small businesses and restaurants in town.

I am confident that you will find the majority of the people in the 4 towns affected by the status of the dams on Toddy Pond and Alamoosook Lake to support this bill. Getting local support to solve issues such as aging infrastructure will require creative solutions.

I would encourage the legislature to support this bill.

Thank you,

Sam Lteif