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LD 531 – We support this bill
Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Friends:

We're writing to you today in regard to issue of what's going to happen to the dams on Toddy Pond and several other nearby bodies of water. These lakes, formed by dam installation over 100 years ago, are major resources for recreation, conservation, and serve as economic engines to local communities like Penobscot. And we'd like to do whatever we can to see that Toddy and the other lakes are maintained at their current water levels far into the future.

We've owned our little camp on Toddy in Penobscot for almost 40 years, and our family goes back many generations on the Blue Hill peninsula and in Stonington. We spend every summer of her in the area. Our children and grandchildren have grown up swimming, fishing, and boating on Toddy. We've long been active members of the Toddy Pond Association (TPA) and participate in activities like the potluck dinners, annual loon counts, and invasive plant surveys.

As you can tell, we love the area and have many friends around Toddy and surrounding communities. We also spend a lot of our discretionary dollars at local businesses, and working with local contractors to maintain our camp and related services like utilities and road maintenance.

We very much appreciate the fact that you and other members of the Legislature are paying attention to these dam situations and that you're encouraging towns and a variety of local groups to find constructive, collaborative ways to maintain and improve the dam situation.

Passing this bill will be an important step.

We're grateful for your concern and efforts. Our family will continue working with TPA, and local organizations and municipalities to do our part, too.

Thank you for your attention.