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LD 531: Dam Ownership  
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**In Favor of the Bill**

My Name is Courtney Swazey and I wish to strongly endorse passage of LD 531.

I have lived in Orland 45 years and my family has owned a camp on Toddy Pond for 63 years. I have seen how the lake and pond have created economic benefits (school budgets and fire departments are depending on the revenue from the taxes), the increase of usage by recreational user who live locally and tourists,

Our family has participated in the Audubon Loon Count for 38 years and have seen how the number of loons has been decreasing. We are currently learning about invasive plants to help in mapping and recording plants in our area of the pond.

The local areas surrounding these bodies of water have been working together to find a workable solution. The amount of support for saving the dams have increased tremendously since we received our first letter from Bucksmill LLC.

This can- do attitude and effort reflects all of what's best about our state and its people, and we encourage the legislature to support this bill.

Thank you.

Respectfully

Courtney Swazey