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Dear Senator Baldacci, Representative Roberts, and members of the IFW Committee, As a concerned resident of Maine, I support LD 1364 "Resolve, Authorizing a Study on the Impacts and Risks of Lead-based Ammunition".

Lead is toxic and potentially deadly to all living species. In Maine, lead ammunition is still legal and widely used. Remains from wildlife killed with lead ammunition are frequently left behind on the land, so when eagles and other scavengers feed on the carcasses, they ingest lead fragments, which in turn, results in crippling disability or death.

Remnants from lead ammunition left behind in fields, forests, and wetlands also contaminate our soil and water, which threatens the health of many species including farm animals, companion animals AND humans.

By investigating the impact of lead ammunition on Maine wildlife and environment, LD 1364 offers a great first step that could support the phasing out of lead ammunition use in our state. I urge you to please pass this important resolution.

Thank you, Brian Thibeault Acton, Maine 04001