Brian Thibeault Acton, ME 04001 LD 1343

Dear Senator Baldacci, Representative Roberts, and members of the IFW Committee, As a concerned resident of Maine, I strongly oppose LD 1343 "An Act to Protect the Right to Harvest Wildlife".

While the word "harvest" is often used by government wildlife and fisheries agencies as a more palatable term for killing or reporting number of animals killed, the proposed definition equates the act of killing wildlife (for any reason) with gathering berries or harvesting a field of corn.

We don't harvest animals; we kill them. We do not "own" wildlife; we hold wildlife in public trust. Wild animals are not ours to do with as we please.

I urge you to please vote OUGHT NOT TO PASS on LD 1343.

Thank you, Brian Thibeault Acton, ME 04001