Roy and Suzanne Miller Mount Desert LD 1438

April 15, 2025 Members of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Maine State Legislature Augusta, Maine

Dear Members.

We are writing to express our support for the proposal to legalize deer hunting on Mount Desert Island. We have been residents of Mount Desert Island for 45 years and have seen the adverse effects of the overpopulation of the deer herds increase over the years. Over-browsing of gardens and landscaping forcing property owners to spend considerable monies and time on measures to deter the deer, and all of these measures becoming less effective. The high risk of Lyme disease and the increased incidence of Lyme disease is a major health concern to all who live or visit here. There has also been an increase in deer-vehicle collisions.

Your support for this initiative will ensure the development of a well managed hunting program and a positive impact to our communities and environment. Sincerely,

Roy and Suzanne Miller