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Support for LD 1435: "An Act to Allow a Municipality or Locally Recognized Lake Association to Post Certain Information on the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's Information Kiosks Located at State Boat Launch Facilities"

Dear Members of the Committee On Inland Fisheries and Wildlife,

My name is Sarah Fagg and I live on Togus Pond in Augusta and am on the Board of Directors of Worromontogus Lake Association (WLA). Our lake association like many others in the state of Maine work endless volunteer hours to protect and preserve our lake and has been in existence since 1931.

I am writing today to urge your support for LD 1435 that would allow lake associations to post information at state boat launch facilities. Many people are unaware of the existence of local lake associations and the vital role they play in safeguarding our lakes. These organizations are at the forefront of efforts to protect lakes from invasive species and harmful pollutant runoffs. Their work is essential in maintaining the ecological balance and ensuring the health of our aquatic environments for future generations.

For years, the WLA has been dedicated to an extensive restoration project, making significant investments in the health of our lake. This work has involved tireless efforts to preserve the natural beauty and ecological integrity of our waters, benefiting both the local community and the environment at large.

By supporting LD 1435, you will enable lake associations to effectively communicate their efforts and engage with lake visitors. Having the opportunity to share our messaging and information is not merely beneficial but necessary for raising awareness and garnering support for ongoing conservation efforts. Visitors equipped with this knowledge can become advocates for lake preservation and contribute positively to our shared environmental goals

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I ask you to please support LD 1435 to help ensure visitors can learn about the important work that all lake associations do to protect Maine's lakes.

Sincerely,

Sarah Fagg

Worromontogus Lake Association