Robert Norcott Sebec LD 1763

Senator Baldacci. Representative Roberts and IFWC members:

I am writing in support of LD1763, legislation to ban "floating camps" on the lakes of Maine.

Those who would be allowed to navigate the lakes of maine in floating dwellings without regulation and with no responsibilities to the local waterfront communities pose a threat to the health and safety of aquatic species and nesting birds.

Raw sewage and debris will undoubtedly find its way into the lake waters, affecting the water quality and promoting the growth of invasive aquatic plants, not to mention detracting from the safe enjoyment of swimming waters by our residents and summer guests. Tourism is a vital part of the economies of Maine's Lake communities and a lake cluttered with unregulated floating camps will create an atmosphere unattractive to residents and visitors alike.

Please consider swift passage of this critical bill to protect our beautiful lakes, Sincerely,

Bob and Kathie Norcott

Lake Sebec, Maine

Landowners and taxpayers for over 40 years