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LD 1882

Good Afternoon,

I am writing in support of LD 1882. The current federal administration is retreating from many if not all efforts to provide environmental protections for wildlife. These pools provide breeding grounds for species that sustain life in the surrounding habitats. For example salamanders contribute to the environment by regulating food webs, controlling pest populations, and contributing to soil health. They are also important indicators of ecosystem health, as their presence or absence can signal environmental changes. And they are a food source for a variety of animals. Of particular importance is the absence of predatory fish in these pools. In the town I live in several vernal pools abound evidenced by the sound of what we lovingly call spring peepers. Across the state volunteers engage in Big Night activities to assist the wildlife trying to reach a vernal pool which otherwise would die from passing traffic. New rules to further support efforts to support this wildlife population will benefit us all. It is my sincere hope that you will support rule making to protect significant vernal pools. Thank you.