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LD 1934

Dear Representative OSHER of Orono and co-sponsors Senator GUERIN of Penobscot and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, JULIA of Waterville, RIELLY of Westbrook, WOODSOME of Waterboro, Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, BENNETT of Oxford, GROHOSKI of Hancock, TIPPING of Penobscot,

This letter is in support of LD 1934: An Act to Promote Responsible Outdoor Lighting.

As a long time resident of Lincolnville, Maine I have seen the effects of light pollution in our surrounding midcoast communities over several decades. The use of unshielded lights, especially LED lights in the blue white spectrum, have increased the amount of sky glow in our area. The effects of light pollution not only impact our dark skies at night but have detrimental effects to our ecosystem including our own health. Recent research points to issues with light pollution on aquatic life.

<https://darksky.org/news/from-the-beach-to-the-seafloor-light-pollution-interferes-with-marine-life/>. We need to look at the lighting of our docks and harbors, as well.

This past winter I was one of the curators and a presentation planner for the Dark Skies exhibition at Waterfall Arts in Belfast Maine. We had over 850 folks view the exhibition and attend the presentations. There is much interest in the midcoast area to lessen the impacts of light pollution.

<https://www.maineartscene.com/art-science-come-together-at-umva-exhibit-at-waterfall-arts/>

Thank you for sponsoring this most important legislation.

Sincerely,

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