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I am a resident of Oxford, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Thompson Lake Environmental Association. We represent more than 1000 lakeside homeowners in Oxford, Poland, Casco and Otisfield, as well as numerous other businesses and organizations with an interest in the health of our lake. We urge you to give your support to LD 2141. A healthy lake means a healthy ecosystem throughout the watershed. It means generation after generation can enjoy the beauty that typifies Maine. A healthy lake also is a financial driver of our communities, with higher property values and increased tourism. Conversely, the costs of mitigation after an algae bloom or other environmental disaster are many times greater than the costs of prevention. If there is any further information that TLEA can provide to the committee, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.