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LD 2141

Our family built a camp on Flying Pond in Kennebec County over 60 years ago. Four generations have loved this place and we hope that legacy will continue. Although we are seasonal residents, we are active in Mt. Vernon and Vienna; our lake association; and I am on the board of 30 Mile River Watershed Association.

Maine's lakes are treasured natural resources that provide recreation, wildlife, beauty, and economic vitality to the state. But if those lakes aren't clean and healthy, all of these suffer.

Concerned residents, lake associations and watershed groups are working hard, but we need more - and more secure - funding to do the kind of work that's necessary. This money wouldn't come from taxpayers; it would come out of a recycling program intended to improve Maine's environment. It is appropriate that some portion of the unclaimed bottle deposit money should go to the Lake Water Quality Restoration Fund.

I respectfully request that you vote in favor of LD 2141.