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LD 2141

I am writing in strong support of LD 2141. I have lived on Three Mile Pond for the last six summers and during that time the lake has become a central part of my family's daily life. My teenage son works at the boat ramp inspecting boats for invasive plant species. Our family's memories are centered around the lake and lake community. I care so deeply about our lake, that I joined the Three Mile Pond Association and am now the secretary of the board.

I worry deeply about the growing threat of algae and harmful algae blooms and what that means for the safety of our children and the future of Maine's lakes. No parent should have to question whether the water their children and pets are swimming in is safe. We have some amazing volunteers from Three Mile Pond that have been testing the water and conducting watershed surveys, BUT we need funding to implement remediation projects. We need more support to PROTECT the lakes of Maine before it's too late. LD 2141 provides a smart, sustainable way to fund lake protection efforts that prevent problems before they become irreversible. Using unredeemed bottle deposits to protect water quality keeps public funds serving the public good. I urge the committee to support LD 2141 so families like mine can continue to enjoy clean, healthy, and safe lakes for generations to come!