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LD 2141

I am writing to you this freezing morning to express my support for the passage of LD 2141. I feel blessed to be living in Mount Vernon on Flying Pond. My wife and I moved here from Farmington in 2008. We swallowed hard hoping we could afford it but have never regretted it and consider it the best decision we have ever made.

Living on a lake through all four seasons is magical.

We have learned that lake life involves many responsibilities too. Protection of the water quality becomes a primary part of everyday life often requiring doing things a little differently or not at all. We have two grandsons that live in Brooklyn, NY that come up to stay with us a couple times a year and love it. We are teaching them about nature and particularly water quality.

My wife is on our lake association board and does boat inspections looking for plant materials and I volunteer surveying our lake looking for invasive vegetation. That is the biggest threat to our beautiful lakes and it is just a matter of time.

Maine's lakes are so beautiful and clean. They attract tourists from all over the world and tourism is a huge part of our economy. Lakefront property taxes support many towns like Mount Vernon and Vienna which would have a difficult time without that income.

Please vote for LD 2141!

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