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LD 2141

Testimony in Support of LD 2141

Hello, I'm Carla Mulhern and Kevin Miller, we're homeowners on Toddy Pond and members of the Toddy Pond Association in Penobscot, Maine. I wanted to share our support for LD 2141, which provides funds for the Lake Water Quality Restoration and Protection Fund. This funding is especially important for keeping our lakes and the ecosystems around them healthy.

Many of Maine's lakes depend on older dams to keep water levels steady and protect the environment and communities. But if these dams aren't well-maintained, they can cause serious problems like bad water quality, shoreline erosion, harm to fish, and more risks to homes and public safety downstream.

Repairing dams can be costly, and it's often put off until things get really bad. LD 2141 helps by using funds from beverage container programs that aren't being used to help protect water quality in a proactive way. This way, the state can invest in important infrastructure before it breaks down, which saves money and keeps the environment safe.

Plus, having steady money for lake and dam projects is great for local economies. It helps protect things like recreation, property values, and tourism, which are really important for many Maine communities.

We really hope the committee will support LD 2141 and vote for it.

Thank you for your time and consideration.