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LD 2187

Testimony of Scot McFarlane in Support of LD 2187 subject to amendment to reclassify the Water Quality designation from Class C to Class B on the reach of the Lower Androscoggin River from Worumbo Dam in Lisbon upstream to Pond Island Dam in Lewiston.

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Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:

My name is Dr. Scot McFarlane. I am a resident of Bowdoinham, a river historian with a PhD in American History from Columbia University, and a historical consultant through the Oxbow History Company.

The Androscoggin River is the river that inspired the Clean Water Act. The result of this federal law has been an amazing increase in water quality in rivers across the nation. Through Senator Ed Muskie and many others, Maine has led on this issue, it would be a sad irony if the once-filthy river that contributed so much to Maine and the nation was not reclassified after it has changed so much for the better. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Scot