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

I write today in support of LD 2187 with a Vote Ought to Pass with Lower Androscoggin Classification Upgrade Amendment. The health and cleanliness of our water has in numerous ways been compromised in my lifetime. Sometimes this has occurred through negligence or ignorance, sometimes it has been intentional and out of convenience. We can no longer lose time or take the easy way out. We must not only protect but additionally, improve our water quality. Keeping a minimum water quality baseline is no longer sufficient. Reclassification should be made not only to keep up with actual water quality conditions but ought to exceed and continually improve best water quality standards. In order to genuinely thrive all life requires clean water. With the knowledge we have at hand and wherewithal to change we should raise the bar. I trust your integrity to act appropriately so without delay we can move into a new era where we genuinely value our environment.