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Testimony in Support

*LD 1817, An Act to Support Outdoor Education by Establishing the Outdoor  
School for All Maine Students Program*

Before the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry

Presented by David Trahan, Executive Director of the SAM-Institute for Legislative Action

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Senator Ingwersen, Representative Pleucker, members of the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee, my name is David Trahan and I am testifying in support of LD 1817, *An Act to Support Outdoor Education by Establishing the Outdoor School for All Maine Students Program*

As the owners of an Outdoor Education Center here in Augusta, we can testify from experience that introducing young people to our amazing natural resources enhances our quality of life and builds stronger families

We work closely with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the University of Maine, Cooperative Extension, 4-H program Each uses highly trained instructors and respected curriculum for nearly every outdoor activity We have complete confidence in the University of Maine, 4-H program and believe they are committed to building a safe learning environment that is inclusive, non-discriminatory and with safety as the highest priority We hope the committee will support LD 1817