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Testimony in Support

LD 1308, Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Establish a Working Group to Explore Opportunities to Maintain Public Access of Land

Before the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Presented by David Trahan, Executive Director, Sportsman's Alliance of Maine

Senator Baldacci, Representative Roberts, and distinguished members of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, I am David Trahan, Executive Director of the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, testifying in support of LD 1308, *Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Establish a Working Group to Explore Opportunities to Maintain Public Access of Land*.

First, I would like to thank Senator Baldacci for introducing this bill on behalf of the SAM ILA. This bill started simple, just a paragraph with the intent of bringing a group together to discuss how we might incentivize landowners to open their land to public access. Since introducing the bill, I have heard from several sources they would like to expand the scope to all land access. Before taking any action on this bill, I ask the committee to give the Department time to craft an amendment to define the scope and members.

Thank you,

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