



February 5, 2026

The Honorable Denise Tepler, Senate Chair  
The Honorable Allison Hepler, House Chair  
Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources  
State House, Room 202  
Augusta, ME. 04333

Senator Tepler, Representative Hepler, Honorable members of the Joint Committee on Marine Resources:

My name is Sebastian Belle and I am the Executive Director of the Maine Aquaculture Association (MAA).

I stand before you today to testify in strong support of LD 2002 "An Act to Extend the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative to December 31, 2031". The work the collaborative does is critically important to protecting the Maine Brand and promoting increased demand for Maine lobster. We stand with our fellow working waterfront members and want to recognize the wonderful work that Marianne and her team do to educate consumers about the fantastic value and nutrition Maine lobsters provide.

We ask that you Vote **Ought to Pass** on LD 2002.

Thank you for your attention, I would be glad to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Belle", written in a cursive style.

Sebastian M. Belle  
Executive Director