



COMMUNITY ♦ ADVOCACY ♦ KNOWLEDGE ♦ LEGACY

Board of Directors

Seth Sprague
President

Jennifer Dann
1st Vice-President

Kyle Burdick
2nd Vice-President

Jeff Williams
Secretary

John Melrose
Treasurer

Doug Baston

Hannah Carter

Jim Clair

Mark Doty

Richard Nass

Mike Redante

Nicole Rogers

Paul Sampson

Jeff Tarling

Chapter Leaders

Si Balch

Ernest Carle

Jennifer Dann

Eric Deschene

Jim Ferrante

Jason Hilton

Merle Ring

Andy Shultz

Andrew Smart

Jeff Williams

LD 2221 "An Act to Amend the Composition of the Landowners and Land Users Relations Advisory Board"

Testimony In Support Of
Amanda Egan, Executive Director
March 2, 2026

Senator Baldacci, Representative Roberts, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, my name is Amanda Egan, Executive Director of Maine Woodland Owners, speaking today in support of LD 2221.

Maine Woodland Owners is a statewide nonprofit that advances stewardship of Maine's small woodland resources through the encouragement of sustainable forest management, support for the state's 86,000 small private woodland owners, and a land trust that conserves working forests.

Our organization serves on this board and values the opportunity it creates for constructive dialogue and relationship development between stakeholders. As recreational pressure on private lands increases, this board serves as a vital venue to bring together those who care about public access and to encourage the resolution of complex challenges.

We support the expansion of the board to include representatives from ATV clubs, the nonmotorized recreation industry, and the North Maine Woods. Giving these groups a formal seat at the table ensures that they are part of the solution-making process and allows for the direct resolution of friction points before they lead to landowner frustration or land closures. When more voices are present, the resulting solutions are more sustainable and reflective of the actual needs of Maine's landowners and outdoor users.

LD 2221 matches the board to the reality of outdoor recreation in Maine's woods today. We believe this bill will lead to stronger relationships and more resilient access policies for our state. We urge the committee to vote "Ought to Pass."

Thank you for your time.