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To: Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry  
Re: LD 797, *Resolve, to Authorize the Conveyance of Real Property to the Capitol Area Recreation Association*

CC: Bill Patterson  
Deputy Director, Bureau of Parks & Lands  
22 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0022

To Whom it May Concern,

Our Board of Directors would like to make a statement regarding LD 797, *Resolve, to Authorize the Conveyance of Real Property to the Capitol Area Recreation Association*:

Our Board of Directors supports the Capitol Area Recreation Association's acquisition of land from the Bureau of Parks and Lands [BPL], provided that:

1. Reasonable and articulable limits on development are placed on the parcel, before the transfer, to ensure that human activities do not impact the abutting conservation lands currently being managed by Viles Arboretum.
2. The provisions of Section 12 of our Lease with the Bureau of Parks and Lands not be impacted, ensuring that Viles Arboretum maintains the same access, management, and naming rights of Piggery Road.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Viles Arboretum