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Hon. Members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee:

For decades it has been recognized that released balloons can fall in waterways and be swallowed by birds, mammals, turtles, and other creatures, often causing death. Maine's wildlife, economy, and quality of life require a healthy environment, including protection of the creatures in question.

To permit the release of balloons is unnecessary and detrimental to a healthy natural environment. It is decades past time for a prohibition of balloon releases. LD 618 appears adequate to address the problem.

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