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Dear Senator Brenner, Representative Tucker and Members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Wells Jacobson and I reside in Harrison, ME.

I write to oppose LD 1161: An Act Concerning Marina-based Restaurants in the Shoreland Zone.

During my lifetime much has been done by legislation and environmental activism to help preserve both the water quality and the aesthetics of Maine's lakes, ponds and rivers. Shoreland zoning has been an effective and crucial component toward the betterment of Maine's waters. Marinas have been granted exceptions to shoreland zoning consistent with their core business needs and this has been a successful compromise. Restaurants, however, are not part of a marina's core business and should not be granted any exception from normal shoreland zoning. Restaurants, with or without a marina ownership or associated interest, carry the liabilities of parking lots and associated run off, wastewater disposal and substantial trash generation. Please, let's not move backwards in protecting Maine's waters.

Sincerely,

Wells Jacobson