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I wish to object to LD 1161, a bill which would eliminate setbacks and impervious area requirements for restaurants at existing marinas AND would allow existing marinas to open up new restaurants with dining, parking, and buildings right on the water.

Under LD 1161 any existing marina, regardless of frontage and acreage, could add a restaurant and locate all aspects of this new use right on the water. Restaurants create a lot of waste, a lot of wastewater, and need parking. All of these activities would negatively impact the protection of the lakeshore currently provided by lakeshore zoning requirements. Ironically, this damage would be inflicted by businesses that depend on healthy Maine lakes and ponds for their livelihood.

I urge you to prioritize the continuing health of Maine's beautiful lakes and reject LD 1161.