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

My name is Orrin Shane and I reside in Portland, ME. I share a family camp on Keyes Pond in Sweden, ME with other members of my Maine family.

I write to strongly oppose LD 1161: An Act Concerning Marina-based Restaurants in the Shoreland Zone. For much of my life I have fished, sailed, canoed and kayaked Maine's lakes and streams, especially in the Lakes Region and the Belgrades. Our lakes are an invaluable asset for our state and a major driver of our economy; the economic livelihood of many Mainers depends on the water quality and natural beauty of our lakes. Over the years I have seen how shoreland zoning has been an effective and crucial tool for protecting the water quality and economic value of Maine lakes. Now, I am very concerned that LD 1161 would significantly weaken existing shoreline zoning. Restaurants, with or without a marina ownership, threaten Maine waters with runoff from impervious parking surfaces, waste water disposal, and trash generation. Restaurants should not be granted any exception from existing shoreland zoning. This would be a step backward from long-standing efforts to protect Maine lakes and waters and the economies they support.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

Sincerely,  
Orrin Shane