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Dear Environmental and Natural Resources Committee,

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

Under LD 1161 essentially any existing marina 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 compromise the protection of the lakeshore currently provided by lakeshore zoning requirements. Such damage would impact businesses that depend on the continuing beauty of Maine's lakes and ponds for their livelihood.

Please reject LD 1161, since Maine's clean lakes are a significant support to the state's economy. Many thanks.