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Dear Environmental and Natural Resources Committee members -

I'm writing 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 virtually any existing marina, regardless of frontage and acreage, could add a restaurant and locate all aspects of this new use right on the water. As I am sure you all know, 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. And the irony is, that this damage would be inflicted by businesses that depend on the continuing beauty of Maine's lakes and ponds for their livelihood.

If you believe that Maine's clear, clean lakes are a major driver of its economy, then you should reject LD 1161.

Thanks you for your time.