



# TOWN OF LISBON

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### **In Opposition To**

### **LD 676, An Act to Reclassify Part of the Androscoggin River to Class B**

**May 3, 2021 9:00am**

Senator Brenner, Representative Tucker and distinguished members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee, my name is Steve Aievoli, I am the Superintendent for the Town of Lisbon Sewer Department and I am writing today on behalf of the Town of Lisbon.

Like everyone, Lisbon wants cleaner water and an upgrade would be a great win for the towns along this section of it. The reality is, as stated by Maine DEP previously, "there is no feasible approach to ensure attainment of class B dissolved oxygen criteria in this portion of the river".

This legislation if approved has the potential to burden the sewer users in Lisbon with funding the cost of any modifications at the wastewater treatment plant to ensure compliance with any modified limits imposed by Maine DEP due to the re-classification.

Lisbon is also an MS4 community. There has been no discussion as to the impact to the MS4 permit or any modifications that could burden the Lisbon taxpayers if the upgrade is approved.

Please keep in mind the dischargers along the river do not know what the impact will be if the river re-classification were to be approved. Most of the discussion has revolved around dissolved oxygen limits, which are the main component being used to have the river re-classified. There has been little discussion regarding bacteria and nutrient limits, these are both more of a concern for Lisbon.

Something else to consider is what if the Androscoggin River were to be upgraded to class B and cannot maintain class B standards? The state's Anti-degradation policy could require the state to modify discharge permits and once again the dischargers along the river would be required to perform further upgrades to assist the river with meeting class B standards.

We urge the committee to reject LD676 as it has the potential to burden both the taxpayer and sewer user in Lisbon with performing upgrades to meet class B standards on a river that cannot meet class B standards 100% of the time.

Thank you for your consideration.