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Dear Chair Brenner and Committee Members:

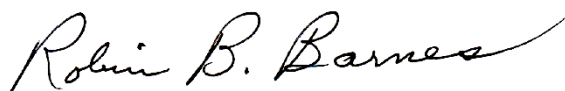
Through more than four generations members of my family have enjoyed the beauty and other benefits of Androscoggin Lake in Wayne. Our much-used seasonal cottage is a place of great significance to us. In addition, we have been and remain invested in the Town of Wayne and in central Maine generally, where our family and community connections are both numerous and deep.

I write to request your support for LD 164, "An Act to Fund the Lake Resoration and Protection Fund." This bill is coming up at a crucial time for Maine lakes, and for Androscoggin Lake in particular. This body of water is facing a crisis, most obviously evident in a recent huge algae bloom and in the discovery of invasive plants. Development around its shores has increased the danger of harmful runoff every year.

Protecting this and other Maine lakes should be a high priority for everyone with a stake in the region. The health of these waters is vital to that of people as well as wildlife. At a very basic level, local economies depend on maintaining these natural resources.

I strongly encourage you to help serve the best interests of Maine, both the land and its people, by supporting LD 164.

Respectfully,



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