

January 29, 2023

Dear members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Mark Doty, I am a resident of Madison Maine. I am on the board of the Lake Wesserunsett Association.

Please **support LD 164**: An Act to Fund the Lake Restoration and Protection Fund.

I am one of the volunteers working to maintain the water quality of Lake Wesserunsett in Madison. We have developed a Watershed Conservation Plan, we employ a Courtesy Boat Inspector to help prevent the introduction of invasive aquatics (for 20+ years), we work with camp owners to reduce phosphorus loading, we monitor water quality as part of the Lake Stewards of Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (for 40+ years), we monitor loon populations, and we educate and inform lake users, among other work.

Projects to improve or maintain the quality of lake waters in the State are desperately needed to combat the growing risks our lakes are facing, funding the Lake Restoration and Protection Fund will greatly help the local efforts that are ongoing across the state.

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Thank you,



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