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LD 164

Dear members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Andrea Lasman and I live on Woods Pond in Bridgton. We decided to move to Maine several years ago after decades of visiting specifically to spend time on Maine's lakes. Over the years, I have witnessed the changes that are threatening the health of these magnificent lakes—changes brought on by climate change and increased development in watershed areas. Funding for lake protection projects, including implementation of Best Management Practices, replacement of failing septic systems, stronger invasive species management programs, and treatment of lakes with chronic algae blooms are desperately needed to safeguard lake health in the coming decades. Investing in the future of Maine's lakes is critical, so I am asking for your support today for LD 164: An Act to Fund the Lake Restoration and Protection Fund.

As a Courtesy Boat Inspector and member of the Woods Pond Association, I am committed to doing my part, but I realize that it will take increased resources to address all of these issues. Bridgton's lakes drive its economy; we need you, our legislators, to prioritize and safeguard our lakes.

Please invest in the healthy future of Maine's lakes today to protect local economies, outdoor tourism, sporting and recreation businesses, drinking water supplies, wildlife habitat and so much more for all of us who use lakes now and will in the future.

Respectfully yours,
Andrea Lasman