



February 19, 2021

Dear Senator Dill, Representative Landry and the Distinguished Members of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife,

My name is Colin Holme and I am the Executive Director of the Lakes Environmental Association (LEA), which serves the Lake Region of Western Maine and all of Maine's lakes through the Maine Lake Science Center.

**LEA strongly supports LD 349: "An Act To Prohibit the Use of Personal Watercraft on Keyes Pond in the Town of Sweden"**

Keyes Pond is a small lake in rural, Sweden Maine. I have been out on it many times over the years and every time I visit, I am struck by its beauty. Small, rustic camps are tucked away along the shoreline and a century-old girls camp sits above the pond on the west shore. There is a very small public boat launch at the north end but the canoe is still the dominant boat type on this lake.

This bill was requested by the people who live or summer on Keyes Pond (including the owner of Camp Tapawingo) to help preserve the traditional character and tranquility of the pond. This request is an example of Maine's long-standing practice of home-rule and I hope you will vote "ought to pass" on LD 349.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Colin Holme".

Colin Holme  
Executive Director

