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My name is Tim Sellers and I am writing in favor of LD 1663.

My mother and I and my family live on a lake (Long Pond) that spans the towns of Southwest Harbor and Mount Desert, Maine. We have been there for more than 50 years

There have always been small motor boats on the lake and rowboats for fishing, and kayaks and canoes, but recently in the summer there have been more powerful boats brought in that make wakes large enough to overturn smaller boats and swamp docks and swimmers. These include so-called "wake boats" that generate wakes big enough to surf on. This is their only purpose.

Maine lakes are not meant to have a surf and introducing machines to create a surf -- and surfing on it -- is very dangerous to all swimmers, fishers, boaters, and wildlife. I am particularly concerned about my mother (almost 90) and grandchildren (under ten).

Anything the legislature could do to encourage boaters -- and particularly the owners of expensive large powerboats -- to operate their boats in a way that does not put other people's lives at risk, would be much appreciated!

Thank you for your legislation.

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