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LD 833
SUPPORT

Act To Protect Endangered Species Whose Life Cycles Include Maine Land or Waters

Dear IF&W Committee Members:

As a concerned Maine citizen I strongly urge your support of LD 883.

I find it puzzling and troubling at best, why any species that is listed as Threatened or Endangered by our Federal Government, is not automatically listed in all of these United States as a courtesy to our citizens and to further facilitate support for that species.

I can think of no credible opposition to this bill. Science is propoerted to be the very foundation for all of Maine's wildlife management policies; is it not? A well-informed citizenry is a vital component of that science-based foundation!

The pending extinction of any species should be a call for the strictest measures of oversight and protection. This most surely includes helping Maine citizens to be aware of which species in our own state are on that list.

What on earth would the passage of this bill have to do with threatening or hampering efforts of my IF&W Dept. to protect and enhance the ONE place left in these United States where the Canada Lynx remains in any sort of stable and acceptable numbers? Their opposition makes absolutely NO sense to me what-so-ever. Absolutely none.

Is this not the UNITED Stated of America? Why keep pushing to further divide a tragically divided country as it stands today? Our wildlife live well here, at the behest of the best of "We the People". If that benevolet power over those that are endangered is compromised in any way, for the convenience and/or wishes of entitlement by the few, I fear our beautiful Lynx, along with so many other threatened and/or endangered species will begin to fail here as well; ignorance, greed, habitat loss and climate change will most assuredly see to it.

Thank you,

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