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LD 92

Dear Members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee,

I am asking for your support for LD 92: An Act to Minimize the Propagation of Invasive Aquatic Plants.

I am concerned about the risk of invasive species spread because: I am a summer camp owner and one of the reasons families and their children choose to spend time in Maine is the water quality of the lakes. Anything less than would affect my business and reduce revenue that visitors bring to the state.

Furthermore, as a Maine resident, I enjoy the opportunities that water quality helps engender. I am an enthusiastic fisherman and canoeist and the prospect of subpar water quality in the lakes I enjoy would impair the experiences I, and others, currently enjoy.

I support “clean, drain, dry” as a smart approach to reduce invasive species spread because it is low cost to the user and very effective in mitigating the spread of invasive species from lake to lake.

Please vote to support LD 92 as a smart way to further reduce invasive species spread.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important bill.

Sincerely,  
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