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To Whom It May Concern,

Subject: Bill LD 693

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The current inspections are very good at detecting external hitchhikers but they have no way to inspect internal tanks.

Finally, it should be impressed on all boat owners that, because all inland waterway boats bear Coast Guard numbers, that the captain of said boat is responsible for death, injury or damage caused by their wake. At least in Maine, this could be printed on the boat registration.

Sincerely,

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