Sharon Lockwood Sokokis Lake Limerick, Maine LD 693

My name is Sharon Cloutman Lockwood. My parents bought a cottage on Lake Sokokis in Limerick in 1955. I am the present owner. I am a member of the Sokokis Lake Association. I support LD 693, a bill that would prohibit large wake generating boats from within 500 feet of shore and in water less than 20 feet deep.

I am concerned that large wakes close to shore will potentially, hurt swimmers and damage tethered boats and docks. There is concern about shoreline erosion and increased sediment disturbance from the lake bottom. We already have a problem with mud islands. I think that wildlife nests and fish are also at risk.

I hope that large wake generating boats will be directed to water where they can operate safely. Please vote to support LD693 as a way to assure safe boating opportunities for everyone on our publicly owned Great Ponds.

Respectfully submitted