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Re: Support for LD 693: "An Act to Protect Inland Water Quality, Shorelines, Wildlife and Public Safety by Prohibiting Operation of a Wake Boat to Create an Enhanced Wake Close to Shore or in Shallow Water "

Dear Senator LaFountain, Representative Landry, and distinguished members of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife:

I am William A. Turner. I am blessed to have been a resident of Harrison, Maine, for about 35 years and am very privileged to live year round very near the East shore of Long Lake. I am a registered Professional Engineer in the State of Maine and I am very concerned about the health of Maine Lakes as a property owner and a person of Faith. Prior to moving to Maine as a permanent resident in 1985, I had enjoyed the privilege of fishing in Maine for much of my growing up years. You can contact me at btair1@airdiagnostics.com.

As many of you may know, motorized water craft use on many of Maine's Lakes has increased over the the past 30 years that I have resided in the state, and the craft in general have become larger, have more powerful motors, and have evolved to a point of being able to create large wakes to enable surfing behind a craft. The proposed legislation, if implimented and followed, will limit some of the damage done to the water quality turbidity, the lake bed, and fragile shores during this activity, and may reduce the impact on Maine's Loon population.

I do not see that this proposed legislation will negatively effect the folks enjoying the sport or the business community that they support.

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