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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to urge you to pass LD 1342: Increase Sustainable Funding of Invasive Species Programs for our beloved State of Maine. As you well know, we can not afford to let the spread of invasive species infect any more of our beloved lakes and must work tirelessly to attempt to eradicate them from the lakes already infected. Funding this bill will help with this effort.

In addition, it is imperative that DEP and IFW both strengthen watercraft inspection protocols and review and amend existing policies and procedures for surface use restrictions. This would hopefully result in the advent of sensible new ideas such as a "one boat/one lake" policy and the establishment of new protocols for float planes and/or any other transient watercraft.

On Pocasset we are deeply concerned as we are connected to Androscoggin, which is currently battling an outbreak of milfoil. When a piece of Eurasian milfoil only 1/4" long can lead to a complete infestation, it is hard not to be worried for the fate of our lake, as well as our other Great Ponds. Passing this legislation would be a good start.

Sincerely Yours,

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