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LD 2141

Dear Chair LaFountain, Chair Landry, and members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee,

I am expressing my support for LD 2141, a bill that will fund critical work to reduce the spread of invasive species.

I grew up in Spokane, WA, and spent my summers on Coeur d'Alene Lake in northern Idaho. We would jump into the lake from the dock and be immersed in a jungle of invasive variable leaf milfoil. It was not pleasant to swim in and it would get all tangled up around boat propellers and outdrives.

Then, when we came here to Maine and the beautiful pristine waters of Kennebunk Pond, it was so nice to be able to enjoy the lake.

The Kennebunk Pond Association has gotten Lake Stewards of Maine to train twenty of our volunteers to help search for invasive aquatic plants. We are all vitally interested in keeping Kennebunk Pond free of those invading bandits.

LD2141 will help us in those efforts.

Please support LD 2141 in order to protect the future health of Maine's lakes.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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