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To: Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

RE LD 173 - An Act to Exempt Certain Watercraft from Registration Requirements

Senator Baldacci, Representative Roberts, and members of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Please find this testimony in support of LD173.

Please consider reducing the registration fees for canoes of any length and boats 14' and less with motors less than 10 horsepower. The additional invasive sticker increase and boat registration fees have become a burden for traditional use watercraft. These types of watercraft are used by many small businesses in Maine. The fees are quickly reaching a point where people will begin to register fewer watercraft because of the cost.