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LD 171

My name is Susan Tinguely. I am a resident of Chesterville and I live on Parker Pond. It is a beautiful area of our state and I am committed to protecting Maine's waters from Invasive Aquatic Plants.

As a Board member of the Parker Pond Association and the 30 Mile River Watershed association I am directly involved , as a volunteer, with Courtesy Boat Inspections. I appreciate how easily boats coming out of heavily infested waters can infect other lakes! Androscoggin Lake, which is in my watershed, is presently infested with Eurasian Milfoil and has had 2 severe algae blooms in the past couple years. The water looked like pea soup! It is extremely disturbing to experience this especially when we know that we can prevent this. But the public needs to be informed. It will take a strong commitment by the State to make this happen.

I believe this bill offers an effective approach to tackling this problem by supporting the DEP and IFW to work together. By providing necessary tools and resources to monitor, manage and strengthen inspection standards at infected lake sites, this bill will help protect the integrity of our ecosystems and improve water quality across the state.

I urge you to support Bill LD 171 and work toward its passage. Maine's natural beauty and it's resources are integral to our identity and it is essential that we take action NOW to preserve them for the future