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To: The Honorable Senator Joseph Baldacci, Senate Chair
The Honorable Representative Tiffany Roberts, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
c/o Office of the Reviser of Statutes
State House Station Number Thirteen
Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: Request for Consideration Regarding LD 1438 - An Act to Require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Allow Hunting on Mount Desert Island

Dear Senator Baldacci, Representative Roberts, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Select Board of the Town of Tremont, I am writing to respectfully request that your committee provide sufficient time for the communities on Mount Desert Island to review and respond to LD 1438, which proposes a directive with direct implications for public safety, land use, and wildlife management in our region.

We were recently made aware of this legislation. While it has just been scheduled for a public hearing, this short window does not allow adequate time for the elected bodies of our towns to meet, discuss, and determine how to respond on behalf of the communities they serve.

It is disappointing that no outreach was made to any of the Island's elected officials, town managers, or local legislative representatives before the bill was introduced. The sponsor does not represent any part of Mount Desert Island, yet the bill seeks to impose changes that will significantly affect this specific area.

At this time, we are not taking a formal position for or against the bill. Rather, we are asking that your committee delay passing the bill until each of the Island's municipalities has had a fair opportunity to bring the matter before its governing board, consider the potential impacts, and engage with the public.

We appreciate your attention to this request and your continued support for transparency and local engagement in the legislative process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse D Dunbar".

Jesse Dunbar
Town Manager
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