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Testimony in Opposition to L.D. 1532-An Act to Expand the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Outdoor Education Programs to Schools and Communities

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Nowhere in the Department's mission is the word education. More than thirty years ago I was told by an IFW biologist, "It isn't the department's job to educate the public about wolves. It's the public's job to educate themselves."

It isn't the Department's job to educate the public about killing. It's the public's job to educate themselves. This bill is another example of the insidious brainwashing that the consumptive use extremists have been pushing for decades. They know that hunting and trapping are dying and that in order for these blood "sports" to survive, they have to recruit children.

Public schools should not be used to brainwash children to promote the agenda of the consumptive use extremists. As far as the use of taxpayer dollars for privately owned facilities, we have a very good idea of where those facilities are and who is going to get the money.

Maine's fish and wildlife "management" system, including the legislature, is rigged to benefit those who kill the public's wildlife. Unlike the consumptive use extremists, facts and history don't lie.

Thank you.