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LD 1763

Dear Sen. Baldacci, Rep. Roberts, and IFWC Members: I am writing to voice my full support for LD 1763, legislation to ban Floating Camps on Maine lakes. Here is why I believe these structures should be banned:

1. We built a summer cottage on Sebec Lake in 1962. I grew up moving to the cottage in June once school was out and moving back into town in August. It has been my sanctuary since then. We have updated the cottage with a new septic system to ensure that waste materials are contained and dealt with properly. I worry that my efforts to maintain a pristine lake will be at risk from folks that only visit our sanctuary and do not have the long-term interest in preserving the water quality of our lake.
2. As a taxpayer of over 50+ years I do not believe it prudent or acceptable that a person(s) can have a "floating camp" on our waters. Day trippers that want to enjoy out lake with pontoon boats, fishing boats, kayaks, etc. is fine, but allowing a "floating camp" is not fair to those who own property and invest money to preserve it.
3. Lastly, I and my family enjoy the views of the lake each morning when arising. I do not want to wake up to a "floating camp" in my field of vision. I pay high taxes to be able to sit and enjoy the view in front of our cottage every day in the summer and expect that my investment will not be spoiled by others; especially folks who have no ownership or responsibility to preserve the great asset we have in Sebec Lake.