

Testimony in Support of LD 2054

To the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife,

My name is Ethan Shaw, and I live in Presque Isle, Maine. I am a fourth-year Kinesiology student at the University of Maine with a minor in Nutrition. I am writing in support of LD 2054, An Act to Clarify the Laws Regarding Moose Hunting Permits for Hunting Outfitters.

I have been hunting since the first day I was legally allowed to, and it has always been a big part of my life. I have harvested a moose myself, and it is an experience that is hard to put into words. It takes preparation, respect for the animal, and a strong focus on safety. For many hunters, especially those who are new to moose hunting, outfitters play an important role in making sure that hunt is done the right way.

Hunting outfitters do more than just guide hunts. They help educate hunters, promote ethical practices, and make sure hunts are conducted safely and responsibly. They are especially important for people who may not have the experience, physical ability, or local knowledge to take part in a moose hunt on their own. Outfitters also support many rural communities in Maine where outdoor recreation is a major part of the local economy.

LD 2054 matters because it helps clear up confusion in the current law. Outfitters who are trying to follow the rules should not have to deal with uncertainty about how those rules are interpreted or enforced. Clear laws help everyone involved and allow outfitters to continue doing their jobs responsibly.

Moose hunting is carefully managed in Maine, and outfitters are part of that system. Supporting this bill helps protect Maine's hunting traditions while keeping the process fair and clear for the future.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and I respectfully ask for your support of LD 2054.

Sincerely,

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