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### To Whom it May Concern

I am retired Psychology Professor, Director of Counseling and Private Practitioner as such the most relevant curricula which I taught as it relates to this legislation is Environmental Psychology and Group Dynamics. I have extensive experience in conflict management. Additionally, I have worked as a stern-man on a lobster boat and am an avid recreational fisherman and active participant in Alewife restoration as a migration counter. I am not anti-aquaculture. I support properly managed, properly sited and environmentally sound practices.

I have learned through my work experience that conflict over the environment is one of the most difficult conflicts to resolve. This legislation creates, through stakeholder meetings, a Mutually Agreeable and Partially Satisfying process to resolve conflicts over the use of Public Trust Waters. This process will create a community supported resolutions where people walk away from a stakeholder meeting believing: "I did not get screwed nor did I screw the other" Stakeholder meetings will result in ownership, cooperation and harmony as opposed to resentment and discord. Based on this alone I urge you to recommend passage if LD1146

Often it is said by some that this legislation is for the "wealthy landowner from away." I suggest that if transfer records are examined we will find that the seller of these lands was from Maine at one point in time. Landowners from "away" must remember that a lifestyle of self reliance and hard work on the land and water was alive and well before their arrival.

WE must all remember, except for a few, that we ALL are from "away" Building bridges of mutual support, understanding our differences and commonalities will build stronger communities. This can be done overtime with local stakeholders discussing what are the other uses of the water and community facilities.

I support this legislation because it is the beginning of a long overdue conversation which addresses the privatization of water held in "public trust" which requires increased resources for enhanced and collaborative site evaluation and oversight. All landlords evaluate tenant's compliance with the leases to be certain that its intended uses are adhered to and that best practices are active.

I support this legislation because it requires compliance with the Natural Resource Protection Act. All citizens must comply with this as "the Earth does not need us. We need the Earth" and as such to be exempt while the rest of us need to comply is a double standard which will lead to further degradation of our waters, earth and living conditions. I also suggest that we comply with the Mammal Protection Act.

Although this proposed legislation is not perfect it is my belief that its passage is essential if we are to have sustainable, productive, harmonious, cooperative communities where individuals can share a vital resource.

Thank you each and all for your work on behalf of this wonderful state.

Best,  
Tom