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LD 2101

Members of the State and Local Government Committee;

As a lakeshore resident, I am deeply concerned about preserving the quality of Maine's waterbodies. I am a Board Member of Maine Lakes. Our LakeSmart program is dedicated to protecting and improving the shoreline by creating strong buffers to filter the runoff entering our ponds and lakes. I urge you to support LD 2101, an Act to Strengthen Shoreland Zoning Enforcement by judging it as Ought To Pass.

Our strong State and local shoreland zoning laws are an important barrier to halt the degradation of our lakes. Overall, the permitting process works well. But for those who wish to violate the law, enforcement is too slow and weak to prevent their actions. LD 2101 will bolster our defense against shoreland degradation and also bolster good government.