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Good Afternoon,

My name is Luke, and I like reptiles. I used to live in Texas, where there were lots of reptiles, but many were very unsafe. I had to know about them to keep safe. Here in Maine, none of the reptiles will send you to the hospital, but I think that means that people learn less about them. Designating the Wood Turtle as the State Reptile would encourage more people to learn about this amazing turtle. It would be great to have more learning opportunities to teach about turtles in Maine.

Last summer at camp, I found a turtle and showed it to another scout. It was really neat to catch a turtle, and we had a fun story to share that night around the campfire. Other scouts were excited and wanted to see a turtle, too. Many kids like animals and want to see more of them. Wouldn't it be great if designating the Wood Turtle as the Maine State Reptile helped its population recover and encounters with them became a more regular occurrence. Please make the Wood Turtle the Maine State Reptile.

Thank you.