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Senator David Dutremble, Senate Chair  
Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife  
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Representative Michael A. Shaw, House Chair  
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**RE: LD 97 – An Act to Improve the Integrity of the State's Snowmobile Trail System**

Dear Senator Dutremble and Representative Shaw:

The Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee will be reviewing LD 97. We all support the snowmobiling industry in the State of Maine and believe it contributes significantly to the state's economy. We hope that it continues for a very long time. We also support the Snowmobile Trail Program at the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry in its efforts to provide grants to local towns and municipalities for trail grooming. It is unclear, however, what LD 97 seeks to do. We would like to work with this Committee on this issue, but until further information about this bill is provided, we have nothing further to add.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have at the work session. Staff from Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will be available during the work session and would be glad to assist during this process.

Sincerely,

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