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January 28, 2014

Commissioner Patricia Aho  
Maine Department of Environmental Protection  
17 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0017

Dear Commissioner Aho;

As you know, the Maine WasteWater Control Association (MWWCA) is a group of over 625 operators, scientists, engineers, and other professionals who are on the front line of keeping the waters of Maine clean through our operation of sewer systems and wastewater treatment facilities. We appreciate your recent support of our “Save Your Pipes: Don’t Flush Baby Wipes” campaign, and believe it represents just one of *many* ways we are working toward a common goal.

MWWCA recently submitted testimony on **LD 1602** (“Establishing a Commission to Study the Effects of Ocean Acidification and its Potential Impacts on Commercial Shellfish Harvested and Grown along the Coast of Maine”). This bill proposes that a Commission be established to coordinate programs and scientific research regarding ocean acidification, and suggests eleven members for the Commission’s composition, mirroring a Panel formed for Washington state’s ocean acidification evaluation process. One of the proposed Commission members identified in LD 1602 is “a representative of the Department of Environmental Protection”, to be appointed by you.

Our testimony requested that MWWCA *also* be represented on the Commission. The Washington state Panel included focused stringent point and non-point source nutrient controls among the many recommendations in its Final Report. That state’s water quality associations and professionals, although stakeholders, had not been represented on the Panel, which led to friction when it resulted in an Executive Order providing over \$3 million in funding for the work.

MWWCA attended the January 22, 2014 work session of the Committee on Marine Resources, at which LD 1602’s sponsor, Representative Devin, indicated that he would support that the Commission be expanded to include 15 members. We request your support for revisions that enable you to appoint a second representative as one of the four additional members- one that is a member of the regulated community with knowledge of water quality and nutrient management- at your discretion. This is particularly appropriate as any point or non-point source controls that may result from the Commission would be promulgated by your Department.

We look forward to discussing this with you: please contact me at (207) 641-7704 or [aubrey@verdantwater.com](mailto:aubrey@verdantwater.com), at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Aubrey Strause'.

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2014 President, Maine WasteWater Control Association

Cc: Patrick Keliher, Commissioner of the Maine Department of Marine Resources