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Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries & Wildlife RE: LD 77 – An Act to Stabilize and Sustainably Fund the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Fisheries and Hatcheries Division by Increasing the Inland Fishing License Fees and Establishing the Inland Fisheries Conservation and Enhancement Fund.

Senator Baldacci, Representative Roberts, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, my name is Greg Ponte and I am representing the Maine Trout Unlimited Council which is a nonprofit conservation organization and our mission statement is *“We bring together diverse interests to care for and recover rivers and streams, so our children can experience the joy of wild and native trout and salmon.”*

Testimony

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of LD 77 and I am happy to answer questions pertaining to this proposed bill.