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The Honorable
H. Stedman Seavey
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Dear Representative Seavey,

On behalf of Maine Audubon and its 20,000 members and supporters, thank you for all of your efforts on behalf of Maine's wildlife and wildlife habitat this legislative session. The session started out on a positive note with the Governor releasing the Land for Maine's Future (LMF) bonds and the Legislature's unanimous approval to extend the expired 2010 LMF bond but the rest of the session proved to be very difficult. The highlight was the strong support we received from our members, activists, supporters, and many legislators on the comprehensive solar bill. Although it was very disappointing to have lost the veto override, it was rewarding to see so many of our community engaged with the issue.

Our 2016 priorities included:

- Defending the Land for Maine's Future program and securing release of the bonds
- Advancing solar power
- Protecting the Bureau of Parks and Lands' revenue from diversion
- Providing tools to manage endangered and threatened species
- Protection water quality of Maine's lakes
- Funding efforts to replace stream crossings that are barriers to fish and wildlife movement
- Preventing the creation of loopholes in our environmental laws
- Supporting the creation of a National Monument

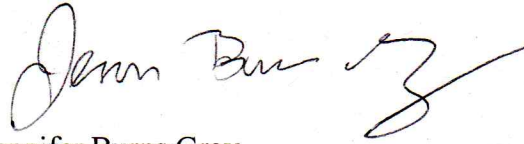
You played an important part in the session. We thank you for your efforts including voting in support of: extending the expired 2010 Land for Maine's Future bond (LD 1454) and creating comprehensive solar policy (LD 1649).

We look forward to working with you again in the future. Have a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,



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