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Northwoods Sporting Journal  
Voices Opposition to L.D. 2054.**

**BY Email:**

**Subject:** LD 2054

*This message originates from outside the Maine Legislature.*

Senator Baldacci: I am taking the liberty, which I rarely do, of weighing in on LD 2054. As you well know, it is complex and profoundly impactful to Maine's hunting lodges and outfitters. As an outdoor writer I have tried to listen to all stakeholders. I don't recall ever encountering an issue that so divided guides and outfitters. At first, I thought LD 2054 was a fix, not perfect, but a fix. But after looking into this further, I believe it is a bad solution because it will leave so many guides at logger heads with bad feelings that will linger. **I urge you to find a way to defeat this bill.** The issue is so unbelievably complex, with so many moving parts and with so much potential to harm or hurt certain lodges and outfitters, **the bill should be killed**, and a new one meticulously drafted that is the result of very careful in-depth study and research. Your legislative body, and the Department of Fish and Wildlife, can do better. For what it's worth, I do not have a dog in the hunt. Thank you for your time and your consideration.

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