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## Testimony Neither for Nor Against LD 1062 “An Act to Allow a Landowner or Maintainer of Trails to Lethally Remove Nuisance Beaver”

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Good afternoon, Senator LaFountain, Representative Landry and members of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. I'm Patrick Strauch, the Executive Director of the Maine Forest Products Council. The Maine Forest Products Council is an organization representing more than 300 members from all facets of the forest products industry. We also have more than 8 million acres of dues paying members.

I am submitting testimony today neither for nor against LD 1062, “An Act to Allow a Landowner or Maintainer of Trails to Lethally Remove Nuisance Beaver.”

For this bill, I am going to keep my testimony short and sweet. Current law already allows a person to take or kill a nuisance beaver on behalf of a landowner. As the representative of more than 8 million acres of forest landowners that largely allow trail access, the Council is uncomfortable with the idea of allowing clubs or organizations that maintain trails to kill or take a beaver without first consulting with the landowner. We would, however, support steps to streamline the permission process to allow clubs and trail maintainers to quickly respond to nuisance beaver situations.

Currently, the system in place keeps the lines of communication between landowners and clubs open. Any changes considered by this committee should not change this dynamic.

Thank you for your consideration.