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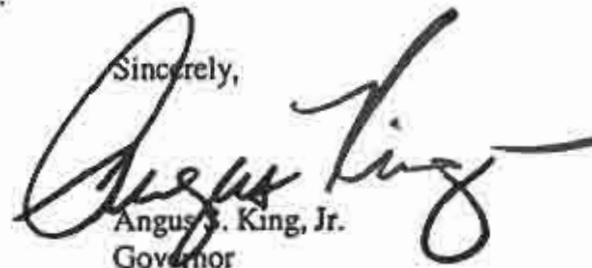
Dear Commission Members:

I am pleased to approve the Land Use Regulation Commission's Prospective Zoning Plan for the Rangeley Lakes Region. Congratulations on adopting Maine's first-ever land use plan and zoning regulations for a subregion of the state.

I am particularly delighted that you have incorporated the precepts of Smart Growth into your work. The fact that the new zones will avoid development sprawl in this magnificent area is truly a major contribution to the resource-based Rangeley economy and to future generations. Your effort to listen and respond to local opinions is a great credit to the Commission, as is your determination to provide more flexibility in the establishment of home occupations, small businesses and other mixed uses in designated development areas.

I thank you for your continuing dedication to the values of the jurisdiction and service to the State of Maine.

Sincerely,



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