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Although waters such as the Androscoggin have been improved upon the bar for our climate in all areas has been significantly lowered. We now live in a hostile environment. We can no longer safely assume that clear water is safe, the air is healthy, the springs are drinking water, the rain doesn't contain acid, and all the things I took for granted are quickly disappearing. It is shameful that we have not seen our environment as precious. So many have acted in denial about this. It's like being young and not believing tobacco products are safe, nicotine is not addictive, etc. Unless we see damaging results immediately we act like adolescents who aren't yet mature enough to recognize consequences until they drastically harm/kill us and those around us. Our environment is everything. I was born in 1953 in a world that had it's problems for sure but none of us could even imagine the earth, air, etc would ever be like this. We sit back, with corporations, CEO's, billionaires, and a government that doesn't believe in Climate Change because those who live in a greedy mentality have no idea what's really going on. We could learn a lot from Native Americans. Those making money have little thought regarding what the reality is of such things as companies such as Bayer and what will become of nature without bees because they make money off Round Up for example. We can't throw paper out the window without a fine, as it should be, and yet we can destroy the earth, air, etc in spite of scientific proof that we are poisoning and destroying ourselves and one another. It's unimaginable that some in our society would rather spray an extremely lethal weed killer, vs pulling some weeds. We need laws with strong consequences. If some are too lazy, greedy, or in a state of mind that they deny reality then it's time to change the powerful 1 percent from killing us all. It's a true tragedy and we need the strictest laws put into place immediately. Please help us all with LD 1679.