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Cc: Herbig, Erin
Subject: LD 620

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to request your strong support for LD 620.

As a resident of Belfast, Maine I have strong concerns over the onslaught of aquaculture corporations that are looking to use our precious resources with little to no regulation. City officials are being completely won over by the promise of big dollars without the scientific foresight that is needed to address these issues for the sake of a few jobs and money. These massive aquaculture facilities will be allowed to dump their effluent into our bays and oceans without looking at the **cumulative effect** on the body of water and its wildlife.

We must protect our wild salmon and other species that these companies have no regard for. Look to Florida and the ever increasing algae blooms that are happening there. Scientific research shows that **we must reduce our nutrient inputs, not increase them**. These corporations use very popular jargon; "sustainable", "state of the art", and "local", to try and convince people what they are doing is positive for our state, while in fact, they are using a very complicated way to raise animals. Bottom line; there needs to be much stronger oversight. We need LD 620 at a minimum to help with unreasonable risks to indigenous or freshwater life and its environment.

You are in a unique position to help keep Maine clean and green. We are smart enough to create jobs and a robust economy without sacrificing our indispensable resources and unique marine life. There are thousands of people in the city of Belfast and other towns that are counting on you to support this bill.

Thank you,

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