

To Senator Carson, Representative Tucker and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources;

I urge you to give your full support to the L.D. 1287 bill "An Act To Protect the Penobscot River and Penobscot Bay from Mercury Contamination".

Our state government must establish strict laws and monitoring processes in order to prevent buried mercury being disturbed and possibly re-released in the waters of Penobscot Bay.

Maine is known all over the world for high quality and healthy seafood. Efforts must be made to protect and sustain this reality and positive reputation.

I strongly urge you to support this bill with all you've got!

Thank you,

Conny Hatch

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