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

I would like to submit testimony in support of LD 1287, "An Act To Protect the Penobscot River and Penobscot Bay from Mercury Contamination".

It is important that dredge sampling/testing for all new dredging projects in the upper bay be required to follow the same standards and methods the Court has required in the Holtrachem case. Also, I'm glad to see that the bill includes limits on dredging in the bay to federal navigation channels maintenance, including town harbor channels, so as to minimize mercury resuspension by any new shoreland owners' dredging requests in the upper Bay.

Also please note: I am in favor of a needed amendment to this bill which would allow dredging to clean up mercury from the river sites. This would preserve the court's present jurisdiction over mercury cleanup.

Sincerely,  
Deborah Capwell  
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