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Subject: Testimony for bill L.D. 1287

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

I am in support of L.D. 1287 Bill "An Act To Protect the Penobscot River and Penobscot Bay from Mercury Contamination" (HP0929) (Presented by Representative DODGE of Belfast) (Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox, Representative ACKLEY of Monmouth, Representative DOUDERA of Camden, Representative BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship, Representative PLUECKER of Warren, Representative RISEMAN of Harrison, Representative CUDDY of Winterport, Representative PEBWORTH of Blue Hill)

Let sleeping dogs lie. If I understand this bill it is to study where mercury, from former unchecked factories, is and to not disturb it causing mercury contamination into the River and Bay where it could cause unforeseen damage to the wild life, fisheries and humans. If cleaning up the mercury is being consider it must be done with the utmost of care, in a way as to not accidentally disperse it. Everything in the environment is connected one can not conserve/protect just the water and not the land and vise versa. The environment is not isolated into silos and it needs to be treated as the wholistic entity it is.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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