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Testimony in support of LD 142, An Act to Fund Climate-Related Service Work

To: Sen. Joseph Rafferty, Representative Michael Brennan, and Members of the Committee On Education and Cultural Affairs, Maine House of Representatives From: Halsey W. Snow, Ph.D., Casco, Maine

Dear Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan and members of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs:

I am an independent educator and small business owner, on the brink of retirement. I am writing to testify in support of LD 142. There is no doubt in my mind that we are in the midst of the most challenging crisis of our lifetimes. The climate-related disasters here in the US and around the world are evidence enough that we must do ALL WE CAN DO - NOW to alleviate the worst of what is happening and what will come, and begin to create our lives more in harmony with the Earth's bio-systems, on which we rely for our very existence. And that means some pretty courageous out-of-the-box thinking and action, in every way imaginable. If we fail to act now, we have only ourselves to blame for what we bring upon all of us. What will be funded and created through this legislation is a part of this long-term change we are seeking. Please give it your utmost support. Thank you for reading my testimony.

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