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Senator Peggy Rotundo, Chair
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Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations
and Financial Affairs
c/o Office of Fiscal and Program Review
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Senator Ben Chipman, Chair
Representative Lynne Williams, Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Transportation
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RE: Testimony regarding Part C of LD 206, An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

Senators Rotundo and Chipman, Representatives Sachs and Williams, and Esteemed Members of the Joint Standing Committees on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Taxation:

I am Senator Anne Carney. I proudly represent the people of Senate District 29, which includes South Portland, Cape Elizabeth, and part of Scarborough. In this letter, I offer my testimony in opposition to Part C of LD 206.

Part C of LD 206 proposes to re-allocate \$10,000,000 that was originally allocated to rehabilitate Portland Harbor's working waterfront, which would generate an estimated \$1 billion in economic activity. Because of this funding, Portland Harbor would be dredged for the first time in decades. It's necessary to dredge the Harbor to protect the berthing that waterfront industries and vessels need to operate and to construct a Confined Aquatic Disposal Cell that would safely store the contaminated sediment.

For these reasons, I would urge you to amend LD 206 to remove the proposed re-allocation of \$10,000,000 and uphold the original allocation that was set aside to dredge and rehabilitate piers, wharfs, and berthing space along Portland Harbor's working waterfront. Without this dredging and rehabilitation, the local, regional, and state efforts to invigorate the Blue Economy will be further delayed and denied.

Thank you for your consideration and time.



Anne Carney

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