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LD 928

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To: Senator Stacy Brenner, Representative Lori Gramlich, and Honorable members of the committee  
From: Edgelynn Venuti

Re: Testimony in Support of LD 928, a Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Right to a Healthy Environment

My name is Edgelynn Venuti and I live in Robbinston and I go to school in East Machias, Maine at Washington Academy. I am writing as a student, activist and a concerned young citizen to urge you to vote "ought to pass" on LD 928.

The Pine Tree Amendment ensures that all Mainers have the right to a clean and healthy environment for generations to come. Our right to a clean and healthy environment should be as fundamental as our right to vote. It is a human right and the government should support that. The PTA would ensure that all Legislatures, Governors, laws, and permits will honor the rights we should have to a healthy environment. Laws can be made and unmade, but the Constitution is permanent.

Part of our Maine identity is about our love for the outdoors- the waterways, the woods, and the swimming and hiking and hunting, and fishing that go along with that. All Mainers- past, present and future- deserve a right to this way of life. After all the state motto is - "the way life should be." No person in Maine, whether today or decades into the future, should have to question whether they will get to experience a clean, healthy safe environment or not.

Take action to defend the environment, for the future of Maine and everyone in it. Support and make sure that LD 928- the Pine Tree Amendment passes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edgelynn Venuti