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LD 928

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

From: Noah Abbott

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 Noah Abbott, and I live in Cape Elizabeth. I am writing as a student to urge you to vote “ought to pass” on LD 928.

I am deeply concerned about the environment because it has played such an important role in my life. So many of my best memories are out in nature, going on hikes and other outdoor activities. It really scares me that our environment is consistently worsening, and future generations may not get to have those wonderful experiences I did.

Maine's identity is closely tied to the outdoors, including the woods, waterways, ocean, hiking, hunting, and fishing. It is essential that every Mainer has the right to enjoy this way of life for generations to come.

No individual, whether living in Maine today or in the future, should have to worry about their right to a clean and healthy environment.

Maine's unique environment is central to our values and way of life. It is crucial that we protect the health of our waters, air, land, and wildlife for our future well-being and prosperity.

By establishing a right to a healthy environment in the Maine Constitution, the PTA would ensure that all legislators, governors, laws, and permits honor this right. While laws can be made and unmade, a constitutional amendment is permanent and provides lasting protection.

As a student who treasures the memories of outdoor activities in Maine, I feel a responsibility to protect our environment. I am deeply concerned about the degradation of our environment and the impact it will have on future generations. It is disheartening to see that we are not doing enough to protect our state's natural resources. That's why LD 928 is so important, as it would establish a constitutional right to a healthy environment. Maine's identity is deeply rooted in our natural resources, and this resolution would ensure that every Mainer has the right to clean air, water, and land. By passing LD 928, we can guarantee that no individual, whether today or in the future, has to worry about their right to a clean and healthy environment. We need to take action now to protect our environment, so that future generations can also have the opportunity to experience the beauty of Maine's outdoors.

Respectfully submitted,

Noah Abbott