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Falmouth
LD 928

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

From: Fallon Culley

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 Fallon Culley and I am a high schooler at Waynflete.

I am writing as a student and Maine citizen to urge you to vote "ought to pass" on LD 928.

I was born and raised in Maine. I grew up searching for frogs in the pond across the street. My older brother taught me how to snakes so they wouldn't bite me. I grew up with Saturday hikes and summer days spent in lakes and the ocean. Autumns meant colorful leaves and fresh, crisp air, and apple picking. In testifying today, I hope to encourage the right to a clean environment for all Maine citizens so others can grow up as I did.

Maine relies on the environment for many things: food, enjoyment, and bringing in tourists. If Maine is susceptible to polluted air and environments, tourists could decrease causing the economy to suffer. Maine needs the pine tree amendment to protect the jobs and economy of its citizens. Additionally, the health of Maine citizens could suffer without a clean air and environment. Hospitals could become overwhelmed and the overall quality of Maine life would go down. Finally, us Mainers, in the event of a destroyed environment, would not be able to enjoy this beautiful state like I have for the past sixteen years.

Respectfully submitted,
Fallon Culley