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LD 928

Good morning -

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to LD 928 - a proposed amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Right to Clean and Healthy Environment.

As it's written, this proposal is much too vague and provides little guidance on how it would be implemented - this could lead to confusion and potential legal challenges.

This resolution could well result in increased regulations or restrictions of both logging and mining. While I have no experience in the mining sector, I've been a forester in Maine for more than forty years now - our current laws have proven to protect our environment while allowing multiple generations of Mainers earn good livelihoods.

My last concern that I'll share is the potential cost of implementation. This amendment will require new resources to enforce and implement. Our State doesn't need this additional burden.