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LD 710

I'm writing to express my opposition to LD 710, An Act to Fund the Lobster Legal Defense Fund. The bill asks for \$1 million over the next two fiscal years to support the lobster industry in their legal fight against the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. In 2021, Maine's lobster industry set a record \$725 million for the total value of lobsters brought to the docks. If the lobster industry persists in fighting the NOAA regulations to protect right whales (it's their choice to do so rather than simply implementing the changes required), they should pay for, and should be able afford, their own legal costs.