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### Testimony LD928

Senator Stacy Brenner, Representative Lori Gramlich, and Honorable members of the Environment and Natural Resources committee, my name is Joan Saxe and I reside in Freeport. I am testifying today in support of **LD928** 2023-2024 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Right to a Clean and Healthy Environment.

As a retired **Maine Recreational Guide**, a life long advocate for environmental protection and a grandmother who recognizes the dangers of the climate crises we are in, I feel, of all the bills before the 131<sup>st</sup> legislature this is the one that stands out as a must pass.

The IPCC said yesterday the planet has “one last chance to shift course” A wide array of renewable energy solutions, as well as adaptation and mitigations will be necessary to shift the course. The state of Maine already has an abundance of companies and industries that want to be first in line to exploit our natural resources to shift the course. This bill enshrined in the constitution will protect our rights, the Commons and natural resources from mismanagement.

I understand Montana has passed such legislation. If Montana can do it, so can Maine!

Please, for my grandchildren and yours vote:

**Ought to PASS.**

Respectfully submitted,

Joan B. Saxe  
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