

**The Maine Chapter of Climate Reality supports LD 928 The Pine Tree Amendment. The Maine Chapter's members reside in cities and small towns and rural areas across the state, from Lovell to Eastport and from Desert Island to Caribou. They participate in all types of occupation and have been focused on educating their communities about the real effects of climate change on Maine life and helping those communities to be resilient.**

**We recognize that climate change can exacerbate existing inequalities in our population; causing the negative impact of climate change to weigh most heavily on people of color, indigenous peoples, and low-income families and communities.**

**The proposed PTA amendment ensures that Maine will create policies and actions that protect against the negative health or economic impacts of climate change and development on all its citizens. Everyone will have the same rights to clean water and air and healthy environments. The PTA makes clear that it is the duty of all officials at every level of government to protect all communities.**