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LD 1111

My family supports the proposed amendments to LD 1111 for the following reasons:

- Drinking water is a shared common basic necessity for all life on earth and should be viewed through the same common lens as the shared air we breathe, and not as a product to be sold for profits. What laws exist to stop a for-profit takeover of more of our aquifers in Maine?
  - Allowing for-profit companies to extract water without defined limitations on the amounts extracted and for extended permit durations without periodic review and renewal of the contract substantially increase the risk of disastrous outcomes (dry wells, decreased property values, loss of wildlife etc) for thousands of people and livestock living in that watershed area. I would argue that the proposed 3-yr permit period is still too long of a duration and would ask that it be amended to a yearly review and renewal vote.
  - Requiring a vote and approval by all municipalities located in the affected watershed is important as these legislative bodies were elected and are responsible to act to protect and on behalf of their residents which includes not allowing residential sustenance drinking water resources from being sucked out from under individual properties.
  - A public hearing is also necessary in order for the residence to participate in a decision that affects them and to inform their elected bodies of their needs.
- Please support this amendment to LD111.