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LD 1111

LD 1111 is being submitted by concerned persons with no emphasis on whether they are one political party or another. This is because the preservation and protection of the water for the humans, animals, agriculture, and economic benefits resulting from the Tourists who come to spend time on our rivers, lakes, and ponds is crucial and politics should not play a role!

- As we face changes in our climate, a mechanism such as LD 1111 would help to ensure responsible stewardship of water sources. Contracts that would last for prolonged periods are inconsistent with community resiliency goals and a 3 year maximum would encourage a more responsible relationship between contracting parties for accountable stewardship.

- This bill addresses a gap in community resiliency planning by strengthening democratic self-governance as a guiding principle in community decision making. It also ensures accountability in the care of the groundwater sources (aquifers) we depend on.

As Maine begins to grapple with PFAS and other residue of industry stemming from the storage and "disposal" of them more and more communities find themselves with poison in their soil and water.

We must stop selling ourselves short, assuming that there will be ample healthy water, and letting bulk water extractors take our most precious resource. LD1111, when juxtaposed with the USGS study of our state's practices with 4 others in the country will effectively prevent the current practice from continuing...hopefully before spring fed ponds (like Round Pond in Fryeburg and Long Pond in Denmark) are sucked dry. Please support LD1111, Water is our most precious resource, we do not have an endless supply and we must help our communities retain the responsibility for theirs, each and every one of them.