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LD 1111

Dear Senator Lawrence and Rep. Ziegler, and EUT Committee members.  
I am Meredith Bruskin, FNP from Swanville Maine and I am writing in support of LD 1111 An Act Concerning Contracts and Agreement for Large-Scale Water Extraction. I was very glad to hear of this bill. As you know, in this world of climate crisis we are so fortunate in Maine to have our water, and we need protective legislation to ensure accountability to local people who are affected by large-scale withdrawals from our aquifers for private profit. Given the current very outdated ( in my opinion) " Absolute Dominion" groundwater law, I have been looking for an update to a "beneficial use" or " reasonable use" law that will allow communities to have more control of water useage and protection. As you know, currently there is exclusively 1 large corporate entity who does most of the large-scale extraction--the 3 year contract limitation would go a long way to protect Maine people from deals that risk our aquifers in the future. Thank you for your attention. Meredith Bruskin, Swanville, Me.