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I write in support of S.P.825[L.D.2003]. This legislation preserves public access to inter-tidal zones, an asset which I fear is eroding as quickly as the shore-line itself.. The legislature should indeed act to preserve the common rights of state citizens, rather than creating loop-holes for large, money-ed lobbyists. This said, I urge that S.P.825 if enacted be speedily and surely linked with an act to limit the method of rockweed harvest to "by hand" and not "by machine." I repeat, BY HAND ONLY. We must learn from our Canadian neighbors, who put similar restrictions in place to preserve and protect their own shore-line rockweed from over-harvest. We must insure that rapacious mechanical harvests and harvesters do not simply move into Maine waters. Our rockweed must be sustainably managed. If we're going to go around opening doors, we must be careful who walks through!!