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LD 138

Dear Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera, and ENR Committee Members,

I am submitting this testimony in opposition to LD 138 "An Act to Exempt Airports from Certain State Endangered and Threatened Species Habitat Protections".

A bill exempting all Maine airports from adhering to state and municipal protections that protect endangered and threatened species will negatively impact the environment in ways that cannot be remediated.

As you know, Maine is a home rule state and each legislative body in each municipality has the duty to craft their own ordinances and then vote to enact them. This bill would strip citizens of this right in towns and cities that have airports in their jurisdiction.

There is no need to deregulate every airport in the state and doing so will cause unnecessary harm. If an individual airport in Maine would like to be exempt from state and local laws, then that airport should take the required steps and apply for the appropriate variances.

Please support the right of municipalities to self-govern and vote no on LD 138.

Sincerely,

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