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LD 138

My name is Kaia De Vries I live in Orono, ME and my hometown is Fryeburg, ME. I am testifying in opposition to LD 138 "An Act to Exempt Airports from Certain State Endangered and Threatened Species Habitat Protections.

In my hometown of Fryeburg Maine, there are airports located in a rare Pitch Pine-Scrub Oak habitat which is home to the endangered Grasshopper Sparrow, the endangered Edwards' Hairstreak, and the Eastern Buckmoth, a species of special interest.

Exempting airports from these habitat protections could further damage this rare habitat and will put these species at increasing risk for population decline and extinction.