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My name is Audrey Rabinowitz. I live in Denmark, ME and I am testifying in support of LD 226 "An Act to Protect the Cultural Resources and Historical Heritage of Sears Island in Searsport by Extending Conservation Easement Protections", as well as LD 735.

I am not an expert on environmental issues, but I am deeply concerned about the conservation and protection of our environment. Sears Island is a haven for diverse ecosystems and essential for the continued protection of the Penobscot Bay Estuary. Marine, migratory bird, and many plant and animal ecosystems thrive here. This region is also an essential piece of Maine's effort to battle the destructiveness of greenhouse gasses and become carbon neutral.

I am also very worried about EPA funding and support. There may not be another opportunity to put these protections into place.

We are so privileged to live in a region where we still have these unique and fragile ecosystems and habitats. They nourish our environment physically and spiritually. They deserve our respect and protection.