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LD 226

Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources,

My name is Daniel Davis, I live in southern Oxford County (Porter, Maine) and present to you as a resident and taxpayer, with no interest other than asking that the State stop chasing bright shiny objects (pie-in-the-sky arbitrary political goals) at the long-term expense of Maine's ecosystem and our indigenous communities.

I'm 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", and LD 735, "An Act to Protect Sand Dunes on Sears Island and to Establish Criteria for Legislation Regarding Land Development,

Sears Island should be in a protected easement, not subjected to political colonization sentenced to be moonscaped for alternative wind energy*, and we need better controls of the body politic in the event of future shortsighted projects such as the one on Sears Island.

Wind energy* increasingly tethers Maine to a country that commits human rights violations and pollutes this planet making cheap, toxic goods and mining for the very rare earth metals needed make unsustainable turbines and the electronics that support their functionality. Personally, I don't think Maine should be subservient and beholden to a country that has no social or ecological boundaries, regardless.

But whatever the energy source being promoted and whitewashed, claimed to reduce harm, or which ones we are told will 'save the planet', humanity's problem will always be how much we exponentially waste and what hypocrisies we ignore in order to get what we want.

I respectfully request the committee vote OUGHT TO PASS LD 225 and LD735.

Thank you.

Daniel Davis – Porter, Maine 3.10.25