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LD 226

Greetings Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera, and ENR Committee Members,  
My name is Kiarna Boyd, I live in Rockland, 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".

We often view landscape in terms of resources, commodities, and potential financial development. It has taken the combined effort of historians, scientists, poets, artists, writers, and musicians to remind us of the enduring comfort, solace, and beneficial knowledge available in wild places that are kept wild. All the people of Maine - residents, visitors, and future generations - all of us immediately understand the value of preserving places of unique beauty and abundant wildlife. We know the tragedy of industrial pollution and loss of access impacts not only the generations living now but those yet to come. For the well being of all Mainers, please protect this small but mighty place, Sears Island / wahsumkik.

Thank you,  
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