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LD 1073

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee:

As a 35 year member of the Green Party and former co-chair in Maine, I wish to speak in favor of LD 1073 and in opposition to LD 795. As we all know, the Maine brand specializes in promoting a relatively clean and healthy environment. It was our own Sen. Muskie who was able to shepherd the Clean Water Act through Congress some 50 years ago, something of which each Mainer can share pride in his having done.

LD 1073, in the absence of precluding polluting mining altogether, at least puts brakes on the size and methods of such mining. A wise slogan I appreciate is "If it ain't broke, don't 'fix' it." Some change is good; some change is bad. I need to trust you to distinguish carefully which is which, and in this case, stay to course by protecting Maine's precious ecology. Please support LD 1073 and defeat LD 795.