Ignacio Pessoa Mount Desert LD 1073

Greetings Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera, and ENR Committee Members,

My name is Ignacio Pessoa, I live in the Town of Mount Desert, ME and I am testifying in support of LD 1073 "An Act to Amend Provisions of the Maine Metallic Mining Mineral Act to Advance Health Equity and Improve the Well Being of Vulnerable Populations."

I believe that protection of public health from metallic mineral mining is important, and this bill adds several important levels of protection. Additional protections for Mainers are especially important at this time when the federal government appears to be abdicating all responsibility for the environment and public health.