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LD 795

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 against LD 795 - "An Act to Exempt Pegmatite Mining from the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act and Establish a Permit-by-rule Process.

I oppose this bill because it erodes protections enjoyed by the people of Maine under current law, and unfairly diminishes public participation in the permitting process. A permit-by-rule process is not appropriate for activities which are as impactful local life as mineral extraction.