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LD 1073

Greetings Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera, and ENR Committee Members,
My name is Darrah Wagner, I live in Winterport, 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".

AND

My name is Darrah Wagner, I live in Winterport, 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:.

"The environmental impacts of mining are complex, wide-ranging, and often devastating. From habitat destruction and water pollution to air pollution and land degradation, the consequences of mineral extraction can have profound and long-lasting impacts on ecosystems and human communities. While mining is essential for supplying the resources needed for modern life, it is crucial to promote sustainable mining practices that prioritize environmental protection, minimize pollution, and promote responsible resource management. Adopting stringent environmental regulations, fostering innovation in clean technologies, and emphasizing circular economy principles will be essential to reducing the harmful ecological consequences of mining and ensuring a healthy planet for future generations. The transition to a more sustainable approach must incorporate a proactive approach to mine reclamation, investing in restoration efforts, and holding mining companies accountable for the damage they cause. A more responsible approach to resource extraction is not only environmentally sound but is also crucial for the well-being of human societies."

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