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My name is Audrey Rabinowitz and I live in Denmark, ME. I am testifying in strong 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 am very concerned about the potential endangerment of mining operations to the public health and safety. I applaud the steps this bill takes to empower the State to protect the public and our natural resources and environment against those potential harms. I particularly support the requirement for health assessments for mining communities in advance of the operations and the creation of a “right to know” for those communities, as well as the requirement for post-closure monitoring of toxic waste.

We have only one chance to protect our people and our natural resources. If we allow the risk of endangerment, it will be impossible to undo any potential harms. Please protect your constituents and the resources of our great state.

Thank you.