Alex Lehnen SOUTH PORTLAND LD 1073

Greetings Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera, and ENR Committee Members, My name is Alex Lehnen, I live in South Portland, 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 think that although the benefits of extracting minerals could be significant, and the pressures to do so here in Maine are growing, it should never come at the expense of environmental or human health. All potentially impacted communities should be thoroughly guarded from the adverse effects of extractive activity and should also be fully apprised of the details of that activity.