

**To:** Representative Ambureen Rana and Environment and Natural Resources Committee

**From:** Isabelle Rogers

**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”*

Representative Ambureen Rana and the Environment and Natural Resources Committee, I'm Isabelle Rogers, a young resident of Starks writing 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”.

There are currently no health protections or evaluations in Maine's existing Metallic Mineral Mining law. Passing LD 1073 would provide a baseline health assessment for mining communities prior to any mining operations and establish required monitoring of potentially harmful toxic waste after mining closures.

No health or economic burden should be left upon vulnerable Maine communities after mining operations have been terminated. It's only fair for all communities to be informed and establish a universal understanding of the potential risks of exposure to toxic materials from mining operations, and supporting LD 1073 is a step towards fulfilling this.

Thank you,  
Isabelle Rogers

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