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LD 795

Dear Members of the Environmental and Natural Resources Committee,

We are strongly opposed to LD 795, An Act to Exempt Pegmatite Mining from the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act and Establish a Permit-by-rule Process.

Mining is inherently risky and well designed regulations have to be in place and rigorously enforced for the well being of our people and our natural environment. Maine people support the laws and rules that have been enacted to protect people and nature. Maine people do not want exemptions of these laws and rules designed to protect people and the environment from the effects of mining. Please vote against this bill and maintain Maine's laws and regulations which oversee mining in Maine.