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LD 1073

Greetings Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera, and ENR Committee Members,

My name is Corey Lane, I live in Porter, ME and I am testifying in support of f 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”.

Research shows that metallic mining is the most destructive and polluting human activities on earth and Maine needs to strengthen our safety measures to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people who live here. Currently, there are no specific health protections or assessments in the Metallic Mineral Mining law and this bill will correct that error.

Supporting this bill will add transparency and also mandate adequate monitoring of toxic waste after closure which will take place for as long as the danger of contamination persists as opposed to ending monitoring while the toxic waste may still be harmful to citizens. This bill will also provided a needed step to help prevent mining violations instead of having to deal with the dangerous consequences of violations after they occur.

Maine's communities should not have to suffer health and financial consequences from mining operations during their extractions or after they cease. Please support LD1073 to help correct some of the gaps in Maine's metallic mining law for the health safety and welfare of the citizens of Maine. .

Sincerely,
Corey Lane,
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