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LD 795

Greetings Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera, and ENR Committee Members,  
My name is Corey Lane, I live in Porter, Maine and I am testifying against LD 795 -  
"An Act to Exempt Pegmatite Mining from the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act  
and Establish a Permit-by-rule Process:.

Deregulating pegmatite mining is not in the best interest of the citizens of Maine and there is no valid reason to do so when we have the knowledge of how this type of activity negatively impacts the health of people and the environment. A permit by rule has many limitations on what it applies to for a reason and this type of permit is inadequate for this type of business.

Aside from this harmful proposal stripping away health and safety protections, this bill also proposes to "exempt the otherwise applicable fees for metallic mineral mining" required. If companies want to mine in our state, they should not be cut a break on the regulations in place to protect us or the costs associated with their commercial activities. If this bill is passed, it would be at the expense of Maine communities and the consequences could be very significant.

Please vote no on LD 795 in support of the citizens of Maine.

Sincerely,  
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