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LD 795

Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera, and ENR Committee Members:

My name is Jillian Howell, and I live in Belfast, Maine and I am writing to testify AGAINST LD 795 - "An Act to Exempt Pegmatite Mining from the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act and Establish a Permit-by-rule Process.

Pegmatite mining should not be exempt from existing mining laws. Weakening of protections and providing exemptions to this type of mining will only further harm surrounding communities, the environment, and waterways. I urge this Committee to vote against.