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LD 795

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

My name is Orion Ortolf, I live in Lewiston, ME 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".

If this bill were to pass, it would erode current protections on mining practices that are known to be one of the most destructive and polluting human activities on the planet. We cannot sacrifice the health and wellbeing of current and future generations of Maine citizens. High tech advancements won't matter if we are poisoning ourselves, our food and water, and the places we call home.