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My name is Sasha Nishizaki and I am a resident of Vassalboro, Maine.  
I am testifying today in Opposition to LD 795 “ An act to exempt pegmatite mining from the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act and establish a Permit by rule process.”

This bill erodes current protections for communities who live near mine sites at a time when it is clear that the Trump/ Musk administration has intentions to unabashedly pilfer all the natural resources possible from our lands and waters in their pursuit of world domination through military force and their dystopian sci-fi dreams of populating Mars. We have no reason to believe that this resource grab will be done with any care for the harm it will cause to the many communities and ecosystems in its wake.

We must heed our moral imperative as stewards of this uniquely liveable planet to do everything we can to protect natural resources for future generations of life.

Maine and other resource rich regions are facing the threat of being used as resource colonies for the continued supremacy of the billionaire class. We must do everything we can to enshrine the protection of our natural resources and protect the communities who live among them not erode the limited protections we currently have.

This is not a time to make decisions based on partisanship or to play political games, all inhabitants of this planet require clean water and intact ecosystems to simply live. This bill threatens life. If you fight on the side of life, vote no on LD 795 and do everything you can to support and bring forward more bills to protect life against the threat of insatiable greed and domination.

Thank you for your time