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Unity
LD 795

Good morning from beautiful Unity, Maine, where spring birds are starting to sing and clear springs of water are flowing. This is the town where I grew up and where I hope to raise my children, if I'm lucky enough to be able to have them, and we have a safe enough world to support families.

Dear Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera, and ENR Committee Members, my name is Trevanna, and I am writing today to plead with you to stand for this place and these future children—and clean waters— by testifying here in support of 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” and against LD 795 - "An Act to Exempt Pegmatite Mining from the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act and Establish a Permit-by-rule Process.

Maine has long been seen as a place for foreign companies and rich overlords to loot and ravage for personal gain, leaving us our devastated landscapes from which to try to make life once they turn our rich land into cold cash. We impoverish ourselves when we give in to the demands of this kind of extraction at the expense of our resilience and vitality as a state. Please protect our lands and our future and stand on the right side of history with these bills. There are better ways to make a buck— ways that leave our children a viable future and ourselves the ability to sleep at night, knowing we did what we could to stand for sanity in a time of chaos.

Thank you,
Trevanna Grenfell