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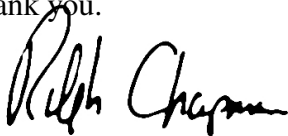
Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera, and other members of the ENR committee, my name is Ralph Chapman from Bucksport. I am a retired applied physicist, science educator, and legislator. For eight years I represented the only House district in Maine that has had commercial metal mining in the past century.

I speak in favor of LD 1073 to incorporate into Maine's Metallic Mineral Mining Act some provisions that serve to protect human health.

As you must know, Maine's mining laws are riddled with technical errors and omissions. Correction, even of only one set of omissions, as proposed by this bill, sends a powerful signal that the intent of the regulations will be taken into consideration in the pursuit of improving the regulations.

Failure to enact this bill reinforces the appearance of a set of regulations geared to some other purpose than the protection of human health and the environment.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ralph Chapman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "R".