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LD 795

Good morning members of Maine's ENR Comittee-

I am writing today to urge your rejection of LD 795. I believe that creating exemptions of minerals is a strange direction to proceed. Plain and simple, LD 795 erodes protections for communities, waterways, and ecosystems and offers little. Why proceed with poking holes in our already less-than-adequate mining protections (many of which are lifted from Western states' regulations and that do not take into account Maine's significantly wetter environment).

I'm quite tired of industry friendly proposals that claim to service 'small mining'- but inreality is busting open the floodgates for larger exemptions. Obviously Big Tech, Tesla, and the Trump administration (via their recent executive order) are salivating over domestic mineral extraction expansion. Let's not do their jobs for them- they don't have accountability. LD 795 isn't what it appears to be; it's a foot in the door for big industry to take advantage of Maine (again).

Thanks for your time and consideration!