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Dear Transportation Committee members,

My name is David Calkins. I live in Portland. I'm writing in support of LD 115 An Act to Assess Impact Fees on Megayachts.

I worked as a commercial fisherman for almost 40 years and studied at Manomet observatory as part of the fisheries observer program.

That experience gave me great insight and appreciation for the challenges that face our ocean, marine mammals, and those who rely on healthy, accessible, clean waterways to make a living.

This bill holds those who are doing the most damage accountable and provides critical funding to protect the future of our beautiful coastline. The owners of these mega yachts are better equipped to foot the bill for their environmental damage than I am.

Please pass this bill.

Thank you,