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LD 1313

My name is Mary Ignatiadis, lead forest economist at Renoster, and I am testifying in favor of LD 1313 on behalf of Renoster. Renoster is working to make forest carbon market participation available to small Maine landowners. Our program is designed to help small landowners invest in long-term, active forest management that maximizes both financial and climate benefits. Harvesting is a critical component of long-term, active forest management, and a strong forest products industry makes harvesting both possible and profitable. LD 1313 will clearly strengthen Maine's forest products industry by helping to ensure that harvest remains accessible to small landowners as a management tool. Renoster therefore believes that LD 1313 is an important step forward and is excited to see this bill approved.