

Sen. Tepler, Chair
Rep. Doudera, Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Environment
and Natural Resources
100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Re: Testimony of Sari Greene in Opposition to LD 1507, An Act to Require
General Public Notification of Oil Terminal Facility Transfer Activities

Chair Tepler, Chair Doudera, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on
Environment and Natural Resources:

My name is Sari Greene, and I am a homeowner in South Portland, Maine, living adjacent to the shipping and oil terminals. In addition to being a resident, I am a certified cybersecurity professional. I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition to LD 1507.

I understand and appreciate that the intent of this bill is to enhance public health and safety. However, the unintended consequences of its requirements could, in fact, result in increased public risk. Mandating public notification of the “transfer of oil between the facility and a vessel, between a vessel and another vessel, or between the facility and a vehicle” is a gift to those who seek to do us harm.

Energy infrastructure is a prime target for cybercriminals and sophisticated state actors for a simple reason: it is essential to our modern economy. Any disruption — and in the worst-case scenario, a physical attack on facilities, vehicles, or vessels — poses a serious threat to human life and public safety.

The future of security in the oil and gas sector depends on a proactive resilient approach, integrating modern technologies such as artificial intelligence and machine learning to enable real-time monitoring and automated threat response.

As a state, we should be strengthening our ability to protect these vital resources, not weakening it. The requirements outlined in LD 1507 would make our communities more vulnerable to physical and cyber attacks and diminish our overall safety and security. I urge you to carefully consider the broader implications of this legislation.

Thank you for your consideration,
Sari Greene