Scott Beal Woodland Pulp LLC LD 1664

Good afternoon Senator Curry, Representative Gere and members of the Housing and Economic Development committee.

I'm Scott Beal of Baileyville, a 43 year former employee of Woodland Pulp. I now serve in a contracting capacity for Woodland Pulp and its two sister companies.

I submit this testimony in opposition to LD-1664, the bill's summary of which indicates this legislation's goal is designed to repeal the State's recently enacted Dirigo Business Incentives Program. However, when I read the bill's text in Paragraph 1. Discounted rates, I'm somewhat puzzled as to how this is statutorily accomplished.

In any event, I want to go on the record on behalf of my clients, listed above, that we remain in strong opposition to repeal or adversely impact any of the State's programs designed to encourage economic growth.

Simply stated, I don't understand how this bill's objective helps anyone in our state.

Thank you for considering the position of the three companies in Baileyville that I represent and I respectfully ask for your vote to oppose LD-1664.