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LD 1870

Dear Committee Members,

This bill provides needed justice. It will hold those responsible for our climate dysfunction and its disasters small and large accountable. These include but are not limited to: super storms, flooding, drought, crop loss, infectious disease - think Lyme Disease, warming waters with loss of life in our waters impacting fisheries and recreation, invasive plant and animal species such as the green crab and spruce bud worm, as well as sea level rise with destruction of oceanfront property and infrastructure.

There are also direct health impacts from the pollutants these companies spew into our air, as well as heat related illnesses.

This bill is modeled after the original Superfund law, which has withstood legal challenges unscathed for decades. Maine would join national leaders championing this innovative policy, building on bipartisan legislation successfully enacted in Vermont and New York.

This industry rakes in obscene profits at a huge cost to us all.

Please vote for LD 1870 to bring some degree of justice, and provide funds for the extensive destruction Maine citizens must pay for.