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Support LD1870 - An Act to Establish a Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program to Impose Penalties on Climate Polluters

Most recently I have been involved in a group discussion of a book called "What If We Get It Right" as I watch the whole world face one climate disaster after another, year after year after year. The biggest thing we can do to mitigate the dangerous place our planet is in now is to stop using fossil fuels! It seems we have the technology right now for alternative energy sources. We need to have the political will, and the personal will, and the corporate will to do this.

We have already seen devastating storms impact cities and towns across Maine causing billions in damage. Polluters like Exxon, Chevron, and Shell have known for decades that more fossil fuels would mean more floods, more homes destroyed, and more lives lost. It seems these big oil companies decided their profits were more important than the safety of our communities.

The "make polluters pay" principle is time-tested. The Maine 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.

It's only a matter of time before the next climate disaster comes and Maine communities cannot afford to pay for these damages alone. It's time to hold polluters accountable. Let's do it now!