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LD 1870

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in favor of LD 1870.

It seems to me that there is a direct parallel between the tobacco industry of my youth and the petroleum industry of today. Large corporations, who knew full well of the dangers of their products, promoted disinformation and spent large sums lobbying the government so that they could be allowed to continue to make huge profits with no regard to public health and safety.

The tobacco settlement allowed Maine to make great strides to lessen the scourge of smoking. The petroleum industry should be held to the same standard.