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LD 1870

To: Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera and honorable members of the
Environmental & Natural Resources Committee

Subject: LD 1870: The Maine Climate Superfund Act

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My name is Lisa Belanger and I am a resident of North Yarmouth. I am testifying in support of LD 1870. As a now retired health care provider and public health professional, I have seen the negative impacts of environmental pollutants and climate change on the health and well-being of Maine residents. It is not pretty and is not fair to Maine people and their communities to bear the burden of these effects. It is fair to require that the fossil fuel industry take responsibility for their actions when contributing to the greenhouse gas-related costs to the state.

There are many aspects of the restorative components of this bill that I feel are necessary, but what resonates most clearly for me is the section that reads “undertaking preventive health care programs and providing medical care to treat illness or injury caused by the effects of climate change.” Please join me in supporting this bill as a means to help protect Maine’s communities and most importantly, Maine’s people. Thank you.