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LD 1870

Dear Environment and Natural Resources Committee Members:

I am writing to urge you to pass LD 1870 to impose penalties on polluters. For decades, industries that have had the ability to modify their operations and seek forward thinking solutions have been allowed to pollute and contribute to climate change.

Locally, we are starting to see the effect of this type of short-term gain, long term pain approach. Last winter's storms driven by climate change caused \$90 million in damage to Maine's public infrastructure and much more to its citizens' private property.

Fossil fuel companies caused climate change, they should pay for us to adapt to it. LD 1870 will help Maine determine the true cost of dealing with climate change and require this trillion dollar industry to pay for climate adaptation projects in Maine.

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.

Thank you.