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Dear Chair Doudera and committee members,

I support both LD1808 and LD1870 because the oil and gas industries should help states manage the costs of preparing for and responding to storms and natural disasters that are increasingly severe due to climate change caused by high carbon dioxide emissions. The industry has known of the link between their products and climate change for decades and has actively advertised denying these impacts. As Maine experiences direct costs, its citizens and communities deserve financial assistance both preparing to reduce the severity of damage and recovering from extreme incidents.

The Climate Superfund laws are modeled after the forty year old Superfund laws that hold companies responsible for the costs of cleaning up after their toxic dumps and releases into neighboring communities and the environment. Until the federal government steps up to act on our behalf regarding climate disasters at the national level, states must work together with other states to protect ourselves.

Maine is not alone in this concern and this action. We can collaborate, support each other, learn from each other and build on others' successes.

I urge you to support both these bills, on behalf of Maine Conservation Voters and Third Act Maine.

Thank you for all your work on behalf on Mainers as elected officials.

Sincerely,
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