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LD 1870

Dear Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources,

My name is Ann Dodd-Collins and I live in Portland. I am testifying in support of LD 1870, "An Act to Establish an Act to Establish a Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program to Impose Penalties on Climate Polluters".

LD 1870 is a fair solution to the damage caused by storms that are the result of climate change. It makes the largest fossil fuel companies pay their fair share for the climate damage they caused, not Maine taxpayers who are facing ever increasing costs for basic necessities. Fossil fuel corporations knew the damage their products would cause, yet they misled the public and blocked climate action. It is time for them to be held accountable. This bill also assures that at least 35% of funds must benefit environmental justice communities, who are often hit hardest by climate impacts. Fair is fair.

LD 1870 ensures the biggest polluters pay for the damage they caused, not Maine people. It's a responsible, just, and forward-looking approach to a crisis we can't afford to ignore. I urge you to vote Ought to Pass LD 1870.