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LD 1870

Dear Members of the Environmental and Natural Resources Committee,

Thank you for all the time and hard work that you've poured into addressing environmental concerns during this legislative session. I am asking you today to please support LD 1870 making Maine environmental polluters pay to mitigate the pollution they create in our air, soil, and water. It is long overdue to require oil, gas, and plastic companies, who make vast profits on their products, to contribute towards a climate super fund. We're living in a time when pollution and our awareness/education about pollution is increasing every day. Evidence is very strong of life-threatening pollution in places like Cancer Alley in Louisiana, as witnessed by several legislators and Maine citizens this year. It is time to require polluters to take responsibility for the terrible life-threatening chemicals and plastic pollution that they produce and leave behind in the products that they are selling to the general public. And as a result, the delicate biodiversity of our natural environment is out of balance. The climate is warming. Weather calamities and storms, causing flooding, sea level rise, and massive fires, are increasing, as Maine is clearly experiencing. Our environment is completely threatened at this point in history. Please vote "ought to pass" on LD 1870. It is fair and just. Thank you very much. The Reverend Priscilla Dreyman, South Portland.