

Landis Hudson  
Maine Rivers  
LD 1870

Thank you for this opportunity to add our enthusiastic support for LD 1870- An Act to Establish a Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program to Impose Penalties on Climate Polluters. We are seeing our weather patterns change dramatically, with increasing number of severe storms. These storms have huge impacts on our rivers and the communities through which they flow. We all remember the severity of the storms in December of 2023, storms that devastated dozens of businesses along the Kennebec River, from Hallowell to Skowhegan, and beyond. These storms damage our cities and towns, but also are profoundly damaging for Maine's wildlife and natural systems. Our farms, our parks, our bird and fish populations, all are at risk. It will be increasingly difficult for Maine to recover from and prepare for these storms. We therefore encourage support of this bill, to follow the lead from the states of Vermont and New York, to create a cost recovery program.