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To: Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera and distinguished members of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

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In testifying in support of LD 2070, I write on behalf of the Friends Committee on Maine Public Policy, a statewide group of Quakers working for right relationship between the Indigenous and non-Native citizens of Maine. We align ourselves with the advancement of Wabanaki interests for the betterment of all who live in Maine.

Friends believe that Representative Dill, in sponsoring LD 2070, correctly identifies the urgent need we have, at this critical juncture, for timely protection of Maine's wetlands, natural habitat, and water quality. The need for such state-mandated protection—when our federal government is taking a wrecking ball to environmental regulation generally—is quite obvious.

The expansion of a landfill into wetlands, with its consumption of habitat and inevitable toxic leachate, directly undermines the age-old stewardship of our watersheds by the Wabanaki peoples, and endangers the water quality upon which we all depend.

Therefore, Maine Friends are united in calling for the unconditional passage of LD 2070.