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**Testimony of Senator Stacy Brenner in Support of LD 2034, “An Act to Address Identified Gaps in the Laws Governing Erosion Control and Natural Resources Protection”
Before the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources**

Representative Gramlich and colleagues of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, my name is Stacy Brenner. I represent Senate District 30, which includes all of Gorham and most of Scarborough. I’m pleased to testify in support LD 2034, “An Act to Address Identified Gaps in the Laws Governing Erosion Control and Natural Resources Protection.

Today’s legislation would allow Maine Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC) and Maine Forest Service (MFS) have enforcement authority over the Natural Resources Protection Act alongside other law enforcement agencies.

This bill will also update Maine’s Erosion Control Law by expanding the protection of natural resources. The law currently requires those in municipalities that are filling or displacing soil to prevent unreasonable erosion of soil to not exceed the project site or into protect natural resources. It expands this provision in statute to unorganized territories. This bill reaffirms our need to protect Maine’s lands, forests, water resources, and other crucial parts of our environment.

Thank you for your time. A member of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry is here to answer any questions you may have.