

Testimony before the Committee on the Environment and Natural Resources
February 26, 2025

Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Sande Updegraph and I am the Chair of the Brunswick Town Council. I have separately submitted letters from the full Town Council in support of LD222, LD400, and LD407. This testimony is for all three of those bills, and is from my perspective as an individual Brunswick Town Councilor.

Today I want to tell you about how a large number of people of Brunswick **feel**. ***They are afraid.***

They are **afraid** to drink the water from their wells. They are **afraid** to bathe in it. They are **afraid** for their children's health. They are afraid to eat vegetables grown in the soil around their houses and eat the fish from the streams. They are **fearful** that their homes will drop significantly in value. For many this represents a lifetime of savings and investment.

They are **afraid** that time will pass and people will forget the devastation that was caused by this disaster.

They are **afraid** that it will happen again.

Most of all they are **afraid** that no one is listening to them and that no one has their backs.

The effort to remove these fears starts with the people sitting at this table. The effort to reassure the people of Brunswick and around the state begins with your recommendation of "ought to pass" for these bills.

That effort starts with **You!**

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sande Updegraph". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sande Updegraph
Brunswick Town Councilor