

Written Testimony from Larry Grondin Supporting LD 1761, as Amended - An Act to Prohibit Indemnification Agreements

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Good afternoon Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

As the President of R.J. Grondin & Sons, a 4th generation, family-owned business specializing in earth moving operation in Southern Maine, I am writing to express my **strong support** for the amendment to LD 1761, An Act to Prohibit Indemnification Agreements.

This bill supports Maine's small and family-owned businesses, the backbone of Maine's economy, by prohibiting one company to accept liability for another company's negligence as a condition of doing business. Unfortunately, this is typically a larger corporation that pushes this provision onto small businesses with limited bargaining power when negotiating a contract. This simply isn't fair.

Both insurance companies and workers compensation boards & trusts supported this bill when it was originally heard in the first session because it's good for Maine workers, better for a company's safety culture and better for Maine's economy.

Almost identical provisions are already afforded to transportation contracts in Maine and almost every other state in the union. These provisions should be made available to construction and all industries in Maine – it's the right thing to do and it's long overdue.

Please support passing LD 1761, as amended, and help advance a policy that supports Maine's small businesses and encourages fairness in the marketplace.

Thank you for your consideration.

Larry Grondin