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My name is Aurora Cobb, and I am a resident of Harpswell, ME. I write to voice my strong support for the proposed bill LD 471. Public lands are called "public" for a reason: as a part of the commons, they are not privately owned assets to be traded in clandestine deals between the State and for-profit corporations. They have been categorized as a public good. What is done with them is therefore a matter of public concern. The public gets to have a say in what is done with its holdings. Never mind that every scrap of forest left to us on this increasingly defoliated earth is precious, never mind that forests are the lungs of the planet and we are already suffocating, never mind that it is a heinous disrespect to the living earth to conceive of it in terms of commodities and monetary gain, if we really must be reduced to speaking about the land from which we draw our very lives as property: what is done with public land must be decided by the public, in public. Thank you for your time.