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Dear Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry Committee Members,  
I am a resident of Carabassett Valley and am motivated to do everything in my power to protect Maine's wild places from dominion by corporations who do not care for the Maine, her people, her land, and her non-human residents nearly as much as they care about power and profit. It is my deepest wish that we can learn from past mistakes and make ethical and wise choices which prioritize the health of the land which we have been charged to steward for our lifetime at least. Please support LD 471, sponsored by Senator Russell Black, to protect public lands from being stolen out from under us by corporations who are willing to do whatever it takes to turn a profit. They do not care about our people, the animals who depend on wild spaces for survival, the ecosystems which will collapse if we do not consider them in each and every decision we make. We all benefit when we live and act with respect and care for each other and all living beings. LD 471 is an important step in acting on behalf of Maine's future. Our grandchildren, and the grandchildren of the fish, fowl, and fauna with whom we share this land will thank us too.