April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

Senator Dill, Representative O'Neil and Members of the Agriculture, Conservation, and Forestry Committee:

My name is Jake Stevens. I am a resident of Falmouth. I am testifying in SUPPORT of LD 471.

Public lands are one of the birthrights of being an American citizen. At its inception it was a novel idea which is now an example for the world. Our elected representatives must be empowered to protect this birthright from corporate speculation and profiteering in order to preserve it for future generations.

I urge the Committee to vote "ought-to-pass" on LD 471.

Thank you, Jake Stevens