

March 31, 2021

Testimony for the AFC Committee April 1, 2021

Senator Dill, Representative O'Neill and honorable members of the Committee:

My name is Mary Finn and I am a resident of Saco Maine. I am writing to ask you to vote in favor of LD 1075, "An Act to Protect Public Lands".

In 1993, 72% of Mainers voted to protect Maine's public lands by amending Maine's constitution to require a vote of 2/3 of the Legislature for sale or lease of those lands.

Two administrations in a row issued leases to CMP without the constitutionally required Legislative vote. Let's establish rules to ensure the Maine constitution is upheld. Of particular interest in Maine currently, a foreign company has been allowed to use public lands with little benefit to Maine people and a large benefit to their shareholders.

Sincerely,

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