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Members of the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee,
Please oppose LD 1407.

LD 1407 would preempt municipal ordinances that communities throughout the state have developed thoughtfully over the past thirty plus years. Many communities have local policies that go above and beyond "normal forest practices" because they want to ensure protection of local water resources and vegetative cover to prevent erosion, and they want to protect human and environmental health from exposure to toxic chemicals used in forestry and agriculture.

Maine communities have a right to protect themselves and their surrounding ecosystems from harmful chemicals and extractive industries that pollute the water, cause soil erosion, and threaten wildlife populations.

Maine already has laws in place to ensure that communities work respectfully and collaboratively with forest land owners when creating municipal ordinances.

As a voter, I oppose LD 1407.