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Dear Senators Maxmim and Bennet,
I am Ant Blasi, retired 8-year Hancock County Commissioner, former HC Planning Commissioner, 20-year planning board member, and current HC Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor. Your bill, LD 489, is exemplary and Ought to Pass. To emphasize responsibility, please consider the following amendment of inserting the following extrapolated language from the enacted Montana Constitutional Amendment on the Environment into your text in Section 25, after "come." I feel that its addition would more adequately conserve and protect Maine's waters, air, flora, fauna, ecosystems and public lands. The very fact that you and committee are hearing testimony on this Bill is evidence of my assertion that the people's voice, our legislators, has at least an equal probability as other organs of state government of accomplishing the charges of Section 25. This amendment charges the State AND the Legislature unambiguously to do this.

- (1) The state and each person shall maintain and improve a clean and healthful environment in Maine for present and future generations.
- (2) The legislature shall provide for the administration and enforcement of this duty.
- (3) The legislature shall provide adequate remedies to administer the protection of the waters, air, flora, fauna, ecosystems and public lands from degradation.