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**Testimony in Support of LD 489 as Amended:  
RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the  
Constitution of Maine To Establish a Right to a Healthy Environment**

Good evening Senator Brenner, Representative Tucker, and my colleagues on the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

I am urging this committee to pass LD 489, “Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Establish a Right to a Healthy Environment” as Amended.

Senator Maxmin has graciously invited me to be a part of the substantial conversations surrounding this Resolution. She has taken the input from several different angles and crafted an Amendment that, I believe, can earn the majority support of the committee, two-thirds of the legislature, and be passed by the Maine voters. The time she has spent on this and her inclusivity brings great credit upon herself and has resulted in an Amendment I fully plan on supporting.

The language shown to me reads as follows:

The people of Maine have the right to a clean and healthy environment and to the preservation of the natural, cultural, and healthful qualities of the environment. The State may not infringe upon these rights. The State shall conserve, protect, and maintain Maine’s natural resources, including but not limited to its air, water, land, and ecosystems for the benefit of all the people, including generations to come.

I hope this Resolution, as Amended, can earn this committee’s support. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justin Fecteau'.

Rep. Justin Fecteau