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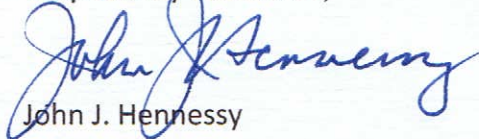
Senator Brenner, Representative Tucker and Members of the Energy and Natural Resources, my name is John Hennessy and I am the Advocacy and Network Ministry Director for the Episcopal Diocese of Maine. On behalf of our Climate Justice Council, **I am pleased to offer testimony in support of LD 489 – Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Maine Constitution to Establish a Right to a Healthy Environment.**

The Episcopal Church has worked for decades to guide its own actions, investments, and members to prioritize the responsible stewardship of God's creation. Through resolutions of the General Convention and Executive Council the Church has sought to live out this work through daily actions.

In Jesus, God so loved the whole world. We follow Jesus, so we love the world God loves. Concerned about the global climate emergency, drawing from a range of approaches for our diverse contexts, we commit to form and restore loving, liberating, life-giving relationships with all of Creation.

Thank you for your attention to this proposed amendment to Maine's constitution. Please support LD 489.

Respectfully submitted,



John J. Hennessy

"If we follow Jesus and his way of love, then we strive to love as God loves, to give as God gives, to care as God cares. And that means caring for God's Creation, all of it, and all of us."

The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry
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