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Good day, my name is Tom Moroney. I am a new resident of the state of Maine having relocated to the Mid-coast Region and Boothbay in 2018. I grew up on Long Island and have always had a love affair with New England and following a 35-year career in international & domestic oil & gas, settling in Maine seemed right. Today I am testifying in written form in strong support of the Pine Tree Amendment, a constitutional amendment to Maine's Constitution. From along its vibrant coast of the Beaches, the Mid-Coast, to the Boldcoast, Downeast & Acadia; to its majestic interior of the Lakes & Mountains, the Kennebec & Moose River Valley, the Highlands and the Aroostook County... today's inhabitants of the State and all its future generations should have the right to a clean and healthy environment, including pure water, clean air and healthy ecosystems, and to the preservation of the natural, cultural, recreational, scenic and healthful qualities of the environment. As someone who has spent a career in a resource extractive industry, I know the importance the Pine Tree Amendment could have played in holding industry accountable to think about the pursuit of 'sustainable' business objectives that responsibly build oil & gas mega-projects in concert with not at a detriment to the environment. A PTA would force responsible environmental decisions be made up-front along side business objectives rather than after the fact. This is possible because I have been there in those executive decision-making sessions. Any business operating in the great state of Maine should be held to PTA standards. As our State Motto proclaims, "Dirigo"... I lead. Let's proclaim that Maine will lead for the nation when it comes to the Pine Tree Amendment, the Energy Transition, Climate Change in concert with the right of all Mainers, today & tomorrow, to the pursuit of a life with freedoms as well as a clean & healthy environment.