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I am a new resident in Maine and in strong support of this proposed amendment. Coming to Maine I was stunned by the incredible natural beauty, something that I cannot find in my home country of Germany. I believe that the integrity of the natural world should always be the highest priority and not subject to party-specific political agendas. Adding the proposed language to Maine's Constitution would ensure that this is the case and Maine's environment will not be used for profit now or ever.

Maine's natural world needs to be protected for generations to come. I am 22 years old and wish for my grand-children to be able to experience the same joy as I do now in the Maine Outdoors.

The Pine Tree Amendment holds elected governments accountable and is a clear reflection of a strong civil society movement. My own group, Earth in Brackets at College of the Atlantic is very much in favor of this because it will ensure environmental protection for all communities and people equitably, no matter race, class, or gender.

Having this language in the constitution will give tools and agency to Maine residents to protect their natural world and stop profit-centered projects that go against our communities' wellbeing.

The protection of Maine's natural world needs to be on the same level as our most treasured rights such as free speech and free elections as it is just as important to sustaining life and society.

The natural world is Maine's identity. Ensuring its protection and integrity by moving forward with this amendment will ensure this special identity to live on for generations.