



TESTIMONY of Megan Diver
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**BEFORE THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
In Opposition to LD 1532
“An Act To Protect Maine's Air Quality by Strengthening Requirements for Air Emissions Licensing”**

Senator Brenner, Representative Tucker, and members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee, my name is Megan Diver, I am the Vice President of the Maine Energy Marketers Association (MEMA).

MEMA is a trade association composed of approximately 300-member companies and over 5,000 direct and 5,000 indirect people working in energy delivery and servicing businesses delivering heating oil, biofuels, motor fuels, propane, pellets and kerosene and offering service and installations on the equipment that operates these fuels. In addition, our members own and operate 70% of Maine's 1,300 convenience stores, throughout Maine and employ approximately 10,000 Maine people and sell more than one billion gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel each year. Our members also sell more than 90% of all the propane sold in our state every year. We provide education and training to the heating, ventilation, air conditioning, weatherization, and energy auditing trades for hundreds of Maine citizens annually through our courses at our own state of the art training facility MEMA Technical Education Center (MTEC) in Brunswick.

MEMA is opposed to the LD 1532. This bill is a bit too aggressive at this point as well as premature. There isn't data at this point to support this bill that potential creates a burden on Maine citizens and businesses. In addition, this bill may have a negative effect on public health by making regulators and businesses less agile and effective, taking additional time and resources away from areas where there are proven public health concerns and away from actions that can have real public health impacts. This bill will be costly for the state and the hundreds of hospitals, colleges and businesses with air permits and the hundreds of thousands of Mainers who use their products and services.

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is already monitoring air quality across the state and has the authority to address potential air quality issues. We should trust that DEP is doing and will do their jobs.

While the scope of LD 1532 would affect all of Maine, this bill has originated from past discussions regarding liquid fuel terminals located in South Portland and have been there for more than 100 years.

The issue was previously studied by DEP and DEP has presented their report to the ENR committee this year with its recommendations on what to do to further monitor liquid fuel storage tanks. DEP is continuing their study in South Portland and collecting more data with more testing.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony, MEMA urges the Committee to vote Ought Not To Pass on LD 1532.