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Dear members of the ENR committee,  
I am writing to you to voice my support for LD163 and LD1532, because I think the health of Maine citizens is more important than corporate profits.

As I said when I testified in favor of LD 1532 on May 3, I am heartbroken over the thought of what we're doing to our family's health by continuing to live in the house in South Portland we've lived in for 18 years. One of my four children has asthma. We want to be in our own backyard, but many days we have to come back inside because of the unspeakably strong odors of oil and tar.

I would love to know what exactly it is we're breathing, and if the air outside my backyard is as harmful as I suspect.

I am in favor of testing the actual emissions at the oil tank facilities in South Portland, and anywhere where heated oil tanks are in densely populated areas. What I'm really in favor of is having air pollution cleaned up in residential areas, but we can't get the polluters to clean up their emissions until we know what exactly is being emitted and by whom. LD 163 and LD15323 are the first step in that process.

Thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely,  
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