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I am writing to express my strong opposition to LD 1498. This bill has no provision to actually address the climate change crisis that the United States and the world is facing. The bill is basically a bill that is written in response to state and national bills that seek to address climate change by a carbon fee and dividend program (please read US House Bill 2307 for full details). HR 2307 has widespread bipartisan support. If the sponsors of LD 1498 have specific concerns about the economic impact of a carbon fee and dividend program, they should be explicitly stated so the Maine legislature can have a factual and candid discussion. We need specific solutions to the climate change emergency, not a generalized negative response to prior proposed solutions without any proposed alternatives.