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Good morning Senator Brenner and Representative Tucker,

My name is Trevor Ruggiero and I am submitting my written testimony today in support of bill LD1532. When we moved to South Portland we felt like we had found paradise. A small friendly neighborhood with easy access to the beach, restaurants, and all that Maine has to offer. Our two young children have loved having a bigger yard and space to be outdoors. One morning while walking the dog I noticed a tar like smell in the air. After some research I became aware of the ongoing air quality concerns in South Portland caused by emissions from the many tanks across the city. The emissions from these tanks and their proximity to the schools that our children will one day attend is very concerning to us. We strongly urge you to take all possible actions to help ensure that our children and all residents of South Portland have clean air to breath and do not suffer long term health problems because we chose to live in South Portland. We strongly support taking the following three actions:

- 1) Require health based permit limits
- 2) Require continuous monitoring around each tank farm to ensure each facility is below their health based permit limits.
- 3) Require the use of best possible emissions control technology on all tank farms, especially if they are not in compliance.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

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