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Senator Brenner, Representative Tucker and honorable members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Maulian Dana and I serve as the Penobscot Nation Tribal Ambassador. I am also a member of the Maine Climate Council and Co-Chair of the Climate Council Subcommittee on Equity. I am submitting testimony in support of LD 1429: An Act to Implement the Most Time-sensitive Recommendations of the Maine Climate Council.

I was happy to vote in favor of the recommendations in the Maine Won't Wait report, as were my colleagues on the council. There was a very heavy lift done over the course of the year by the working groups and administration team to craft guidance for the state that was bold, comprehensive, sensitive to the diversity of the communities and various business and working sectors of our state, and above all would do the job of meeting this climate crisis head on. The result is a plan with large ideas and workable strategies to put the work into action.

I want to thank Leader Dunphy for introducing this legislation to get the ball rolling and the conversations started about implementing programs, identifying funding, and pulling lawmakers and state government into the action plan.

There are several aspects to this legislation and I am sure you will have experts to provide context and projections. Personally, I am in favor of this action because it supports the hard work done by the Climate Council and keeps the environmental stewardship and protection that is a core value of my tribe centered in law making.

I urge an ought to pass vote, thank you very much,
Maulian Dana