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Testimony of Sen. Chloe Maxmin supporting
**LD 1429, An Act To Implement the Most Time-sensitive Recommendations of
the Maine Climate Council**
Before the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

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

My name is Chloe Maxmin. I represent Senate District 13, which includes all of Lincoln County except for Dresden, plus Washington and Windsor—a total of twenty-seven towns. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of LD 1429, “An Act To Implement the Most Time-sensitive Recommendations of the Maine Climate Council.”

For the past 16 years, I’ve worked as a community organizer, with my main areas of focus being combating climate change and making sure Maine’s people, economy and environment are adaptable and resilient in the face of that change. During my time as a State Representative and in my first year as a State Senator, my priority has been introducing and championing legislation to those ends.

As I pursue these goals and fight for these policies, the good work of the Maine Climate Council has proven invaluable. The Council’s work and recommendations, summarized in the Maine Won’t Wait report, give all of us a roadmap for how to move forward on this important mission. The report covers a lot of ground, from electrifying our transportation sector, to encouraging jobs in the clean energy sector, to protecting natural lands and building a better public health infrastructure. I say this to illustrate the point that fighting climate change is going to require hard work and progress across many sectors, and a unifying approach, attitude and investment in this work is going to be necessary.

LD 1429 provides the critical next step in taking these thoughtful and considered recommendations from the abstract to the concrete. Implementing these recommendations is going to take time and hard work, but as the Council reminds us, we can’t wait. I’m grateful to Representative Dunphy for bringing this bill forward to make sure that we’re not letting precious time slip by without making the necessary changes. I look forward to the work ahead on this bill, and to being helpful however I can. Thank you to the Committee for your consideration, and for your hard work on this important topic.

Sincerely,

Chloe Maxmin