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Good Morning Senator Brenner, Representative Tucker and the members of the committee.

My name is Allison Perkins, resident of Cornville, and I support LD 1979 "An Act To Sustain Good-paying Jobs in the Forest Products Industry by Ensuring Consistency between Comprehensive River Resource Management Plans and State Water Quality Standards". After working in social service programming for Maine's low-income families for the last decade, I know that the best way to increase the chances of successfully lifting families out of poverty is to build a foundation to best support Maine's working class. In order to attract and maintain employers who provide union jobs with fair wages they require the ability to be able to count on Maine to be consistent in policy and enforcement as it relates to the land it operates on, and with.

In the case of the Shawmut Dam, the SAPPI mill, and its over 700 employees who count on it to be able to provide for their families, conduct business in our small towns nearby, and know they can count on their job to be there tomorrow (and the future) we have to remain nimble and steadfast in being able to navigate existing standards with certainty the standards and plans mentioned in this bill are applied comprehensively and not separately.

Thank you for your time, and your service to the State of Maine.