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LD 928

Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

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Re: Testimony in Support of L.D. 928: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Right to a Clean and Healthy Environment

Senator Brenner, Representative Gramlich, and members of the Committee On Environment and Natural Resources, I would like to speak in favor of LD 928.

The wealth of Maine rests on the health of its ecosystems, as well as on the health of its people. This amendment at heart is a simple acknowledgment of the fact that the people of Maine embrace, as a fundamental value, the protection of the state's ecosystems and natural resources.

Our enjoyment of life in this state which we love would not be possible if we were to allow the degradation of our environment for the short-term profit of a few. In fact, the true wealth of both our economy and our people requires that our natural resources from ecosystems to land, air and water be preserved for future generations.

I urge you to vote "ought to pass" in your report.

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