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To: Senator Stacy Brenner, Representative Lori Gramlich, and Honorable members of the committee From: Waynflete Environmental Action Group

Re: Testimony in Support of LD 928, a Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Right to a Healthy Environment

We are the Waynflete Environmental Action Group at Waynflete High School in Portland, Maine. We are writing to urge you to vote "ought to pass" on LD 928.

As an environmental club at Waynflete, we are working towards a carbon neutral campus and bringing awareness to the student body about their impact on the climate. We believe that this amendment would help preserve Maine's natural resources and the environment for generations to come. As students and leaders within our community, we have a responsibility to demand change for the better of our future.

As children growing up in Maine, much of our identity is rooted in our access to the outdoors through hiking, swimming, skiing and more. Our community deserves to have these resources remain clean and healthy as a fundamental right. In order to maintain a healthy lifestyle, it is paramount to be breathing clean air and drinking clean water. Passing this amendment will help ensure these rights for all Mainers. Not only will this help protect the rights of people, but it will also help preserve our wildlife. Additionally, Maine's economy is rooted in our natural resources that are in danger due to the changing climate. This amendment is crucial for protecting all things Maine.

Respectfully submitted, Waynflete Environmental Action Group