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Honored Committee Members:

Our twin sons are 27 now, both residents of Belfast. One of them works and lives in our natural environment, which our predecessors, mostly unawares, have all but doomed through the last 150 years of industrial poisoning. Our other son spends every day working to resolve climate crisis issues, and to help his peers manage the widespread anxiety Maine's young people feel about their future.

LD 1659 provides a rare, threshold opportunity to leverage, with huge advantages from Washington, the ground-swell of active support from both business and individual voters. You are not asking Mainers to pay for the whole program you enable through this legislation, because the will to make change now on these issues is already very active today, in the people and business communities you represent. They - we - will power it with our own will, means, vision, and spirit. All you need do now is provide a crucial gateway for us all to address, both locally and statewide, these global issues, before the temperature tipping point makes redress of our shared natural tragedy irretrievable, at least for the future our children can envision.

Please pass LD 1659. Generations to come will see it as a foundation to the promise in their lives.

Thank you -

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