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While I worry about the future of Maine's groundwater, especially in the face of climate change, I imagine that you will hear from people with more compelling backgrounds in science. But what I find equally worrisome is LD 1111's core tenet: it defines Maine as a legitimate target for extractive exploitation of a natural resource by remote monied interests (eg, Nestle). In short, it accepts a vision of Maine as a vassal state. Just as we should push back against those who would truck their toxic waste to Maine, we should resist industrial level extraction of what may be finite valuable commodities. We deserve better.

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