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My name is Audrey Hufnagel, I am from Damariscotta Maine, and I am writing as a student and an activist in support of LD 1231.

The climate crisis threatens my future and the futures of everyone in my generation and in generations to come. It threatens the lands, waters and people that I love. It is extremely important to address this issue, but how it is addressed matters. In addition to the threat of climate change, this country also faces serious economic and racial inequity. General solutions to climate change must address these other issues. LD 1231 is an important step in this process.

While addressing climate change, it is important to make sure that resulting jobs are well paying and equitable. LD 1231 addresses both of these issues. It provides funding for clean energy projects while requiring them to create equitable job opportunities and a more diverse workforce in this field by hiring people who come from communities that are not usually represented in clean energy projects. The bill also ensures that workers are paid decent wages and get necessary benefits. LD 1231 is a step in the direction of creating not only a livable future, but an equitable future for young people today and for generations to come. I therefore urge you to support LD 1231.