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Senator Tipping, Representative Roeder, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing, my name is Carly Baker, I live in Roxbury and I'm submitting this testimony today in favor of LD 1818.

I will be graduating from high school in less than a month. I plan to attend Bates College. I am happy to be staying in Maine, the state that has been my home for nearly the past six years. I love this state and I wish more of my peers had the option to stay in the state. I hope to be able to find a job here in Maine after I graduate from college in 2027.

Unfortunately, that is not the case for everyone. So many of my classmates will leave Maine and not return. They do this because we do not have good paying jobs available to them. If our state wants to keep young people in the state, we need to invest in policies that create more good paying jobs for people in all fields of work. LD 1818 moves us towards that vision by taking steps towards ensuring good wages are paid to jobs at future offshore wind port facilities.

I recently turned eighteen and I'm about to graduate high school. This is an important time in my life and I am thinking about my future. But, what future exists for me as we deal with climate change? Many of my generation, myself included, are concerned about our climate and the future of our state and nation. We need to support legislation that moves us more toward a climate-friendly future. This bill does this.

Please join me in supporting LD 1818 and invest in Maine's future. Thank you.