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Senator Miramant, Rep. McCreight, and members of the Marine Resources Committee.

I am Tony Bray and I lobster out of Deer Isle – Stonington

I wish I could be testifying in person today but I am working.

I am supporting LD 1146 because of obvious reasons.

The evidence supports my concern that Maine is setting itself up for industrialized aquaculture.

I am worried that we are already seeing a rapid increase in leases across the Maine coast with some areas harder hit than others.

There are large leases in Washington county and Casco Bay is having a run on leases. Yet the rules are the same everywhere with no thought given to how many aquaculture leases are good for the coast.

I am worried that salmon leases in the waters of Gouldsboro for farm-raised salmon will again contribute to hurting the environment.

Over and over you hear about how raising salmon in the water comes with environmental tradeoffs.

What are we doing in the state of Maine? We have no plan. We need one.

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