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Senator Miramant, Rep. McCreight and members of the Marine Resources Committee.
I am a lifelong fisherman from Chebeague Island.

I support LD 1146.

The most important part of this bill to me is the piece about transferability.

If the lease can be transferred it's sold – That means we are selling the Maine ocean and for very little.

I am tired of being displaced as a lobsterman. The leases seem to grow without anyone knowing about it. In my area where I have fished all my life the aquaculture leases have exploded. There is no plan to deal with this.