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I am writing in support of LD 1146, An Act To Protect Maine's Ocean Waters and Support Regulatory Oversight and the Long-term Health of the Aquaculture Industry. As a farmworker, wild seaweed harvester, and organizer in Washington County, I am very concerned about the social and ecological implications of unregulated aquaculture in the Gulf of Maine. We witness financial speculation, marine privatization, and deleterious environmental effects in the commercial aquaculture industry, particularly around finfish aquaculture. I am in favor of a small-scale, user-owned and operated, highly regulated aquaculture industry in the State of Maine, an industry that contributes to the generation of local ecological and economic value for the state.