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I oppose LD 1146 because it puts years of business planning and hard work at risk. The current lease management system is not broken. I oppose the revocation of the aquaculture exemption to NURPA and site development because it will allow opponents to require visual impact and alternative site studies. As a young entrepreneur with dreams of building a business so I can better support my community, I was drawn to the diversity of the Maine aquaculture sector. The same diversity that has given us great resiliency in the face of Covid crisis. LD 1146 discourages companies from investing and growing within an industry critical to sustaining our food systems long into our future. LD 1146 is intended to weaken the sector, the working waterfront, and the rich community of hardworking residents who enjoy a life in the working waterfront. Please work with the sector to create constructive solutions to address concerns while allowing this industry to grow. Please work with the Maine Aquaculture Association in finding solutions that work for everyone, and think of the hundreds of hardworking people this bill will force to work even harder. With Gratitude, Andrew Rogers