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

My name is Josh Trundy and I am a commercial fisherman.

I am writing in support of LD 1146.

I wanted to be with you today to give this testimony personally but I had to work and I am working offshore in New England. I hope you give the same weight to those of us who can't be there because we are working or don't have the technology to attend these hearings.

There is no question lobstermen are losing bottom to aquaculture.

The fishermen I talk to agree that 1,000 acres is too much. Many of us didn't even know anyone could have that much of the water for their own personal use - and now we are seeing big foreign corporations coming in.

We found out after we started seeing so many leases in the water where we fished. In the case of Gouldsboro, where they want to put salmon in the water in net pens, there is also the danger of escape. No one is talking about the potential environmental impacts and they should be.

One thing I really like about LD 1146 is it asks the state to slow down and look at the whole picture whether it's wind, aquaculture, or right whales. It's time for a bigger conversation.

Sincerely,
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