

May 4, 2021

The Honorable David Miramant, Senate Chair  
The Honorable Jay McCreight, House Chair  
Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources  
Cross Building, Room 206  
Augusta, ME. 04333

Senator Miramant, Representative McCreight, Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources:

My name is Krista Tripp. I captain my own lobster boat and own a small oyster farm, Aphrodite Oysters, located in South Thomaston.

I am writing to testify in strong opposition to LD 1211, "A Resolve, To Create the Study Group to Research Balancing Development and Conservation in Maine's Coastal Waters and Submerged Lands."

This bill poses a threat to my business and my livelihood. The bill is intentionally vague and has been crafted by people who have a history of opposing aquaculture (of all species and scales) in Maine. These people are actively trying to pit fishermen and sea farmers against one another. The makeup of the 25-member commission established by LD 1211 ensures that commercial working waterfront interests, including commercial fishing and aquaculture, will not be represented.

Maine's working waterfronts are at stake. Please vote Ought NOT to Pass on LD 1211. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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