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LD 586

Senator Cameron Reny, Chair
Representative Allison Hepler, Chair
Senator Beebe-Center, Sponsor
Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources

March 16, 2023

Re: Testimony in Support of L.D. 586

Senators and Representatives,

I urge you to vote “yes” on L.D. 586, An Act to Protect Maine Fisheries from the Effects of Industrial Recirculating Aquaculture Operations. Our fisheries and our tourist industry depend on Maine’s reputation for clean water. Facilities in Florida and Denmark had multiple mass die-offs and a fire that released toxic chemicals. Investors in facilities with similar discharge technology are having second thoughts about the viability of these facilities as well as the costs to the natural and business environment. Maine can do better.

Thank you.

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