

Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts, esteemed members of the transportation committee.

I am testifying in support of LD 1292.

As I'm sure you are all aware, Maine is an amazing place. It is made an amazing place by natural beauty, and by the beauty of its people. It is amazing by virtue of its working water fronts and by virtue of its rolling orchards. It is amazing by virtue by the bustling energy of Portland, and by virtue of the rural way of life in the County. Maine is so amazing, every year people come from all over the country, and sometimes the world in order to experience its beauty.

So why is it that us Mainers allow a rogue, unaccountable organization to charge a price of admission to our great state, and keep that toll for themselves, when the people are who made people want to come here in the first place!

The question isn't whether or not to charge admission (I think we should), the question is whether we are going to let an unaccountable organization make a quick buck on the back of all the Mainers whose work makes this place so great.

Supporting this bill would help rectify that injustice. It would help ensure that the people of Maine, not some rogue "Authority" see the returns of our hard work.

I urge you to support LD 1292 and return the proceeds of Mainer's labor to Mainers.

Thank you,

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