

LD 489 Language: *The people of the State have the right to a clean and healthy environment and to the preservation of the natural, cultural and healthful qualities of the environment. The State may not infringe upon these rights. The State shall conserve, protect and maintain the State's natural resources, including, but not limited to, its air, water, land and ecosystems for the benefit of all the people, including generations yet to come.*

Dear Representatives of the Maine State Legislature,

As Maine people working in medicine and healthcare, we are writing to urge you to support the Pine Tree Amendment. We believe passage of this amendment will be essential to improving the long-term well-being of the people of Maine, including future generations.

As healthcare providers, we are committed to “do no harm.” We believe the state should be similarly committed, and the Pine Tree Amendment will prevent the state from infringing upon the rights of people in Maine to a clean and healthy environment. The right to clean air, clean water, and a healthy environment is vital for physical and mental health.

As healthcare workers, we are very aware that environmental factors, including air and water pollution, pose serious health risks to children, older people, and even otherwise healthy individuals. There is a social and economic cost to these environmental factors, which make people sicker and make our jobs more difficult.

Our public health depends on the health of the environment, and so we ask you to help us protect the Maine that we all love and rely on. Please vote in favor of the Pine Tree Amendment.

Sincerely,

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