

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,

We are painters and sculptors, musicians and dancers, photographers, filmmakers, poets and writers, playwrights and actors. As members of Maine's creative economy, we are writing to urge you to support LD 489, the Pine Tree Amendment.

Artists have been drawn to Maine since before it became a state and we have contributed mightily to making Maine the desirable place it is to live and visit. Artists are still here, helping to drive the economy and enriching the lives of those who live and vacation here.

We live in Maine because we draw inspiration from the natural beauty that Maine offers in such rich abundance. The Pine Tree Amendment will ensure that all people in Maine have a right to the preservation of the natural, cultural and healthful qualities of its environment, and that government will be constitutionally obligated to consider impacts to the environment at all levels of decision-making, ensuring that artists will continue to choose Maine as our home.

We ask you to vote YES on the Pine Tree Amendment.

Sincerely,

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