

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 outdoors enthusiasts, we wholeheartedly support the Pine Tree Amendment, which would give all people in Maine the right to a clean and healthy environment. From the traditional pursuits of hunting and fishing to hiking, running, kayaking, and birdwatching, there is no limit to the recreational activities offered by the great Maine outdoors. Indeed, Maine's beautiful coastal and mountain areas, her well-kept trails, and her forests, lakes, streams, and beaches are why those of us from old Maine families choose to stay here, and why those of us new to the state have chosen to make Maine our home.

Mainers are not alone in our love for the State's outdoors. Every year, millions of visitors flock to Maine to enjoy and explore her natural beauty. Maine's growing tourism industry is one of the largest sectors of our economy, providing roughly 16% of Maine jobs. This critical industry relies heavily on our state's reputation for clean water, clean air and a pristine environment. Therefore, the Pine Tree Amendment would conserve not only the environment, but the livelihoods of thousands of Mainers as well.

As people who love living in Maine because of her natural beauty, we urge you to conserve our treasured outdoors by supporting the Pine Tree Amendment. As residents who also care about Maine's economy, we urge you to vote for the Pine Tree Amendment in order to support Maine's tourism and outdoor recreation industries.

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