

To: Labor and Housing Committee

From: Cassie Cain

Date: April 13th, 2021

Re: Additional Testimony in Support of LD 99 - An Act To Require The State To Divest Itself Of Assets In The Fossil Fuel Industry

Senator Hickman, Representative Sylvester, and members of the Committee on Labor and Housing:

My name is Cassie Cain and I represent both 350 Maine and Maine Youth for Climate Justice (MYCJ), two organizations advocating for climate justice in Maine. 350 Maine has an intergenerational membership of over 3,000 Mainers and MYCJ includes over 300 youth from across the state. We voice our support for LD 99 - An Act To Require the State To Divest Itself of Assets Invested in the Fossil Fuel Industry.

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- Auburn School Department
- Biddeford Intermediate School
- Camden Hills Regional High School
- Camden Rockport Elementary School
- Camden Rockport Middle School
- Edward Little High School, Auburn
- Ellsworth Elementary
- Ellsworth Middle School
- Ellsworth High School
- Ellsworth School System
- Falmouth Middle School
- Fryeburg Academy
- Islesboro Central School

- Kennebunk Elementary School
- Kennebunk High School
- Knowlton School, Berwick
- Lake Region High School
- Medomak Valley High School
- Mt. Ararat High School
- Mount Desert Island High School
- MSAD 75, Topsham
- MSAD 17, Oxford Hills
- Mt. Ararat High School
- Portland Public Library
- Portland Public Schools
- RSU #40, Medomak Valley High School
- RSU12, Sheepscot Valley
- Sanford High School
- Scarborough Middle School
- UMaine Farmington
- USM
- York Middle School

You can find the petition language and signatures here: <u>https://www.350maine.org/ld99\_petition</u>. You will be able to see additional and recent signature numbers on this page, as support continues to grow. If you have any questions or would like more information, please reach out to me at <u>cassie@350maine.org</u>. 350 Maine and MYCJ hope you will vote to amend and pass LD 99.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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