## I Support the People of Maine, Including Future Generations, Having a Constitutional Right to a Clean and Healthy Environment.

**Despite** having a well-developed system of environmental laws that have provided important protections to our water, air and natural landscapes--vulnerable communities, including the elderly, Indigenous and people of color, across our great state of Maine continue to be seriously harmed by pollution and environmental degradation.

There is clearly a gap in Maine's environmental protection laws, policies and programs that can and should be filled by constitutional recognition of our environmental rights, including those of future generations.

**Given that we all depend upon clean water and a healthy environment** to support and sustain our healthy lives and our healthy economy, it is right and appropriate that they should be protected with the same legal strength that we protect the other political, civil, property and human rights we hold dear.

**We, the undersigned**, support the passage of a Maine Green Amendment which will amend the Declaration of Rights section of our state constitution by adding a new section that will recognize:

**Article 1, Section 25. Environmental rights**. 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.

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