PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACT

Maine Climate Protectors and Our Children’s Trust Support LD 818, an Act to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

What: Public Hearing on proposed climate change legislation, including LD 818, an act to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, sponsored by Senator Linda Sanborn. LD 818 is one of several climate change bills pending before the legislature that are the subject of the hearing. Importantly, it is the only bill that calls for GHG emission targets that are based on the best available climate science. Those targets call upon the State of Maine to reduce GHG emissions to 80% below 1990 levels by 2030 and 100% below 1990 levels by 2050. OCT is submitting comments in support of the bill that explain why such targets are necessary and that they are technically feasible and cost-effective.

Maine Climate Protectors and the national organization, Our Children’s Trust, are supporting the proposed act. The Protectors are a coalition of voters and some of Maine’s youngest citizens who, with the support of Our Children’s Trust, came together in January 2018 to file a climate change petition for rulemaking with the state’s Department of Environmental Protection, demanding that Maine protect their futures. The DEP never officially responded to the petition. The coalition will attend the hearing to testify in support of the act’s science-based greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.

When: Wednesday, March 13, 2019. 10 a.m. EST (continuing for ~2 hours)

Where: Cross Building, Room 216, State House Complex, Augusta, Maine
**Who:** Maine citizens, voters, youth, and anyone else with expertise or an interest

Our Children’s Trust also supports the landmark constitutional climate lawsuit, *Juliana v. United States.*

To learn more about the Maine Climate Protectors visit: [http://maine-climate-protectors.org/](http://maine-climate-protectors.org/)

*Our Children’s Trust* is a nonprofit organization, leading a coordinated global human rights and environmental justice campaign to implement enforceable science-based Climate Recovery Plans that will return atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations to below 350 ppm by the year 2100. We elevate the voice of youth, those with most to lose in the climate crisis, to secure the legal right to a healthy atmosphere and stable climate on behalf of all present and future generations. [www.ourchildrenstrust.org/](http://www.ourchildrenstrust.org/)

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