
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

VICTOR HORTON

VICTOR.HORTON@MRRRA.NET

OCTOBER 27, 2025



WAYS TO TESTIFY

1.SPOKEN WORD AT
COMMITTEE

2.SPOKEN WORD AT
ZOOM

3.WRITTEN TESTIMONY

4. MRRA COMMITTEE



1.CONT. I USUALLY GO THE END OF THE ROUNDED DESK AND WAIT FOR THE CLERK TO COME OVER AND TAKE THE COPIES.

HE OR SHE WILL HAND THEM TO THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND PUT EXTRAS ON A PILE FOR ANYONE IN THE ROOM TO TAKE.

IF SOMETHING INTERESTS ME, I WILL GO GRAB OTHERS TESTIMONY.

EVENTUALLY TESTIMONY WILL END UP ATTACHED TO BILL



Having said that, I would like to call Thomas Dubois

Maine
State
Legislature
Powered by Zoom

C508714



Maine Legislature Committee Testimony Display

By Committee

By Date

By Name

Budget, Unprinted Bills

Testimony by Committee

Select Legislature:

132nd, 2025-2026 ▾

- ◀ [Committee Hearings & Work Sessions](#)
- ◀ [Legislative Activities Calendar](#)
- ◀ [Chamber Status](#)
- ◀ [Text & Bill Tracking](#)
- ◀ [Committee Notices](#)
- ◀ [Statutes](#)

Disclaimer: The documents available herein are digital reproductions of written testimony presented to joint standing committees before and during public hearings. The Legislature is not responsible for the content, accuracy, or appropriateness of any testimony posted herein and takes no position supporting or opposing views expressed in the testimony. The documents are posted solely for convenient viewing by interested persons; they are not official copies.

- + [Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry](#)
- + [Appropriations and Financial Affairs](#)
- + [Criminal Justice and Public Safety](#)
- + [Education and Cultural Affairs](#)
- + [Energy, Utilities and Technology](#)
- + [Environment and Natural Resources](#)
- + [Health and Human Services](#)
- + [Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services](#)
- + [Housing and Economic Development](#)
- + [Inland Fisheries and Wildlife](#)
- + [Judiciary](#)
- + [Labor](#)
- + [Marine Resources](#)
- + [State and Local Government](#)
- + [Taxation](#)
- + [Transportation](#)
- + [Veterans and Legal Affairs](#)



Maine Legislature

Committee Testimony Display

By Committee

By Date

By Name

Budget, Unprinted Bills

Testimony by Committee

Select Legislature:

132nd, 2025-2026 ▾

- ◀ [Committee Hearings & Work Sessions](#)
- ◀ [Legislative Activities Calendar](#)
- ◀ [Chamber Status](#)
- ◀ [Text & Bill Tracking](#)
- ◀ [Committee Notices](#)
- ◀ [Statutes](#)

Disclaimer: The documents available herein are digital reproductions of written testimony presented to joint standing committees before and during public hearings. The Legislature is not responsible for the content, accuracy, or appropriateness of any testimony posted herein and takes no position supporting or opposing views expressed in the testimony. The documents are posted solely for convenient viewing by interested persons; they are not official copies and may not represent a complete

- + [Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry](#)
- + [Appropriations and Financial Affairs](#)
- + [Criminal Justice and Public Safety](#)
- + [Education and Cultural Affairs](#)
- + [Energy, Utilities and Technology](#)
- [Environment and Natural Resources](#)
 - 1-27-25 2-12-25 2-24-25 2-26-25 3-3-25 3-12-25 3-17-25 3-24-25 3-26-25 3-31-25
 - 4-7-25 4-9-25 4-14-25 4-16-25 4-22-25 4-23-25 4-28-25 4-29-25 5-5-25 5-12-25
 - 5-19-25
- + [Health and Human Services](#)
- + [Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services](#)
- + [Housing and Economic Development](#)
- + [Inland Fisheries and Wildlife](#)
- + [Judiciary](#)
- + [Labor](#)
- + [Marine Resources](#)
- + [State and Local Government](#)
- + [Taxation](#)

Environment and Natural Resources

1-27-25 2-12-25 2-24-25 2-26-25 3-3-25 3-12-25 3-17-25 3-24-25 3-26-25 3-31-25
4-7-25 4-9-25 4-14-25 4-16-25 4-22-25 4-23-25 4-28-25 4-29-25 5-5-25 5-12-25
5-19-25

Apr 16, 2025

LD 920 Resolve, to Review Efficiencies in the Licensing of Soli...

Spencer, Ed, *West Old Town*

LD 1065 An Act Regarding the Reduction and Recycling of Food Was...

Berry, Vanessa, *Natural Resources Council of Maine*

Blair, Peter, *Just Zero*

Bosworth, Nora, *Conservation Law Foundation*

Breen, Cathy, *Maine Conservation Voters*

Brenner, Stacy, *Maine State Legislature*

Cloutier, Nate, *Coalition Testimony*

Herbert, Jane, *DAMARISCOTTA*

Hill, Henry, *Orono*

Hopkins, Carla, *Department of Environmental Protection*

Horton, Victor, *Newport*

Lippincott , Bill, *Hampden*

Nachamie, Eddie, *Orono*

Spencer, Ed, *West Old Town*

Spencer, Ed, *West Old Town*

Venturini, Eric, *Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine*

Westheimer, Eva , *Slingshot*

Williams, Greg, *South Portland*

Woodbury, Sarah, *Defend Our Health*



Testimony in Support of An Act Regarding the Reduction and Recycling of
Food Waste

Victor Horton, Executive Director
Maine Resource Recovery Association

April 16, 2025

Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. My name is Victor Horton and I am the Executive Director of the Maine Resource Recovery Association (MRRRA).

I appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of LD 1065, which proposes that Maine take decisive steps to prevent and recover wasted food that is currently being disposed of.

MRRRA recently received a Waste Diversion Grant through the Department of Environmental Protection to build a network of individuals and organizations to address the complex issues surrounding food recovery and recycling through donations, composting, and simply finding the best use for leftover and or wasted food.

We have started a group called the Food Recovery Council (FRC). This group is in the early stages of development and we plan to model it after a similar effort housed at MRRRA sometimes referred to as the Marketing Cooperative.

The FRC is intended to be a group of organizations and individual members with the common goal to assist with solutions for the recovery, reuse, and reduction of surplus and wasted food. Our mission would be to help prevent food loss and waste through focused education, community outreach, and implementation of strategies to identify and prevent wasted food. The FRC's intent is to be a part of a larger conversation regarding surplus and wasted food, leading to a reduction of food loss and waste at every level. Participation in this council is open to anyone interested in working towards these goals.

Victor Horton, Executive Director of the Maine Resource Recovery Association, testifies in support of LD 1065, aimed at reducing and recycling food waste in Maine. 1

Support for LD 1065

- The Maine Resource Recovery Association (MRRRA) advocates for LD 1065 to address food waste disposal through prevention and