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I have had over 40 years of community and economic, industrial development in my native state of Maine.

My first involvement with the DEP was to have a film made with the then Commissioner and the 3 Bureau Chiefs along with two major industrial CEO's and our Department. This was to show how we could work together, contrary to public opinion.

Then a major hurdle came up and I had to explain it in lay terms. The Clean Air Act Extension of 1970 (Dec. 2) requiring State and Federal regulations including stationary (industrial and mobile) sources were greatly expanded with federal enforcement. Ozone came under this.

It was deemed the sources needed to be harnessed and eliminated by all states, whether they could fix it or not.

In order to bring in a new industry that put emissions into the air Maine would be required to eliminate an existing one. At the same time, New York for example, with more pollution could put up more industries according to the federal formula.

For Maine to fully comply with the Ozone emissions, at that time, it would need to eliminate over 2,000 miles of ocean coast line, along with our pine trees—both of which give off Ozone naturally.

I understand that the Bureau has come up with some ingenious and complicated ways to help industries, to be retained, expanded or be new. This is not always possible.

In conclusion: whenever ^{there} ~~this~~ is an opportunity to make laws more applicable to Maine, we need to take advantage of it.

Maine needs to move ahead with a fair, balanced and equal playing field between development and the environment.