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LD 2087 An Act to Protect Property Owners by Preventing the Use of Eminent Domain to Build Transmission Lines Under the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program

Chair Lawrence, Chair Zeigler and Honorable People of the
EUT Committee

The sentiment expressed by this bill is admirable. Recognizing landowner rights over unproven humanity benefits of spending billions of Maine electricity ratepayers money is so obvious, another government edict is not necessary. This "Program" can, in no way, be defined as "for the public good" and, in reality, will impoverish Maine people, individually and collectively.

Maine land-based wind, by nameplate capacity, exceeds the total installed capacity developed by all the other five New England states combined. 60% of the generation from Maine wind projects is sold to utilities outside the Maine border. The driver for Maine intermittent energy is NOT Maine people. Maine people have said, over and over, by ordinance, by moratorium, by public hearing testimony, by quietly struggling to pay monthly electric bills that the cost of supplying the rest of New England with intermittent resources is not in Maine's interest, is not for the public good and only benefits a small regional area with a brief, temporary monetary influx, while landowners far and wide become permanent victims of land value drain.

This "Program" will become a monster. Senate President Jackson told you the next offer to the PUC could mean a wider and longer transmission corridor and LS Power, in a letter to the PUC dated January 11, 2024, recommended that the New England Electric System Operator, ISO-NE could become a valuable asset to moving the "Program". by defining the "Program" as a Public Policy Transmission Upgrade (PPTU). Since 2017, when PPTU was introduced for examination by the states of New England, not one state has been willing to propose that any project within their state limits should be defined as a PPTU which socializes construction costs to all other New England states, whether they want the project costs or not.

A quick examination of the future proposed projects requesting inclusion into the ISO-NE transmission system reveals that developers wishing to exploit Aroostook County have offered an additional 2847 nameplate capacity megawatts of wind and solar projects to the already operational and under construction 1156 nameplate capacity in-state wind development. Those numbers mean a much larger intermittent energy footprint for Maine. In fact, those numbers would make 74% of Maine's electric load intermittently driven by wind and solar. Intermittently, like part time, Like in need of back-up power.

The storm clouds are gathering over Maine. Instituting an eminent domain ban for this project will, no doubt, bring out the lawsuits. This "Program" has already, before even a signed document has been prepared has the smell of doom all over it. I can only imagine the countless hours, days and weeks that will be devoted to terminating this "Push Over the Cliff" Program by so many rural living and the good, honest working-class folks of Maine. **STOP THIS PROGRAM, NOT BY GENERATING LAWSUITS BY THIS BILL, BUT BY REPEALING THE DARK, SHADOWY LAW THAT CREATED THIS PROGRAM.**

I will conclude my testimony by directing the following words to the democrats on the committee. I know the republicans have voted in the interests of the ratepayers and will continue to do that. So Dear Democrats, please read onward.

What a setback to human ingenuity and you promote it because you have zero ingenuity. because you are a democrat, a nowhere man in his nowhere land, making all his nowhere plans for nobody. The nobody you plan to elevate to wokeness has no idea of the damage you inflict on the collective ingenuity with your narrow

non-planned plans. The nobody is relying on his own individual ingenuity to seek a better day tomorrow than he had today. You won't hear him. He shies from sharing his misfortunes before your tribunal because he has pride that provides him strength to overcome your propagandized judgements.

So, as you sit before the happy faces of the lobbyists, the educated elite, the administrative state with all their happy talk as you play hero to each other, remember there is a nobody who holds up by a spirit of quiet fortitude even when his common sense tells him something somewhat nefarious is controlling part of his condition. He can feel it, but he has no desire to fight it for there exists a vicious mockery waiting to attack him, coming from a boastful source, magnified by a chorus of narratives passed feverously among the self-proclaimed righteous.

Your ill-conceived planet saving mission will not be defeated by being outspent, or put down by opposing debate, or Mother Nature's revenge or your own humbled admittance of overzealousness. The downfall of your silly mission will come at the hands of the very poorest people of this planet, because they do not want to be poor and could care less about your missions. Whatever brings relief to their discontent will happen and you will not be able to do anything to stop it. Human nature, and human ingenuity cannot be canceled, cannot be put down and cannot be stopped.

Redirect the mission you have chosen to fight your manufactured enemy of climate change. Bring all wind and solar projects to a halt by moratorium or repeal and advance upon the advancements man has made.