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Dear Members of the Committee on State and Local Government and members of the Maine Legislature -

I write to demand a strong Ought Not To Pass vote on LD2102. The continual attempts to bypass the taxpayers and residents of this state to further one party's agenda MUST stop. That is not "preserving democracy." It is bypassing democracy. There is nothing about this bill that honors oaths that members of the legislature took.

I ask two questions:

- 1.) What is the justification for the "emergency" mentioned in the legislation?
- 2.) How does removing the rights of the taxpayer/the voter/the resident protect the taxpayer? Instead, it is another example of government using taxpayer money to expand and strengthen its role.

The Maine government is out-of-control. What is needed is a MUCH smaller, more focused government, instead of one that is in every corner of our lives and finances.

Enough! We can't afford Maine government anymore. Stop the insanity or say goodbye to your seats come November.

Sincerely,

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