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Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology
132nd Maine Legislature
Cross Building, Room 211
Augusta, ME 04333

RE: L.D. 596: Resolve, to Provide Legislative Approval of Northern Maine Transmission Infrastructure

Dear Senator Lawrence, Representative Sachs, and Members of the Energy, Utilities, and Technology Committee,

My name is Carole L. Getchell and I live in Corinth, Maine,

I am in **opposition to LD 596**.

The Legislature should **NOT approve** the “construction operation of a high-impact electric transmission line and appurtenant facilities to interconnect renewable energy resources in northern Maine with the electric grid operated by the New England independent system operator, as described in Title 35-A, section 3210-1.”

As you know, in 2023, passage of L.D. 924 (“Resolve, to Provide Legislative Approval of the Transmission Project Selected by the Public Utilities Commission Pursuant to the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program”) blindsided municipalities, landowners, businesses, farms, and other stakeholders. The transmission corridor route was not transparent at the time of legislative voting, thus depriving stakeholders and abutters (myself included) of specific public comment prior to the legislative vote. As a result, there was public outcry, distrust, and new relevant municipal moratoriums and ordinances.

The same holds true for LD 596. The route and details are unknown, thereby creating the same scenario as in 2023 with passage of L.D. 924.

Respectfully submitted,
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