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To Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology

Regarding L.D. 601, "An Act to Remove State-imposed Referendum Requirements Regarding Nuclear Power."

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Sen. Lawrence, Rep. Sachs, and members of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony before you today. I'm Penny Morrell, taxpayer and citizen of the Town of Belgrade, Maine.

I support L.D. 601, "An Act to Remove State-imposed Referendum Requirements Regarding Nuclear Power."

In the 1980's-1990's, I worked in the office of Maine Low-Level Radioactive Waste Authority" when it was located on Western Avenue in Augusta. I witnessed firsthand the antics of the left demanding "not in my back yard." They caused Central Maine Power to spend huge amounts of money to prove to them it was safe and cost-effective to have Maine Yankee producing power. That, to no avail, the anti-nuclear crowd caused Maine Yankee to close down.

I believe nuclear power is the safest and most cost-effective way to produce energy because of studies and reports in the media making that claim. The anti-nuke crowd will continue to be loud, in your face, and riot should we proceed, but that doesn't cut the muster anymore. Truth prevails over falsehoods when the facts are allowed to be presented. I urge this committee to listen to facts and separate the hysteria of the left to make energy available and cheap in our State of Maine.

I urge this committee to vote "ought to pass" on LD 601. Thank you.