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LD 601

I am writing in opposition to LD601: "An Act to Remove State-imposed Referendum Requirements Regarding Nuclear Power".

Dear Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology

LD601 would be more aptly named, "Negating the Voice of the People".

The desire of a few misguided legislators to publicly call for silencing the "Voice of the People" should be regarded as a desire to vest power and decision making to those who can easily be influenced by Big Industry and Corporations that have the financial wherewithal to coerce Legislators to enact legislation that would benefit Big Industry and Corporations.

LD601 if enacted, would be akin to greasing the skids allowing self interest groups to "donate and provide amicable favors" to those who make laws. Laws that would benefit said interest groups to further favorable agendas that more likely than not serves to fatten the coffers & bank accounts of the few who could care less about the majority of the voting public in Maine.

LD601 An Act to Remove State-imposed Referendum Requirements on Nuclear Power Plant Construction, should be deemed "Dead on Arrival" and also be deemed as an affront to the voting public as it rings loudly of "I know what is best for you, let me decide" thinking, reminiscent of the top elected official that sits at the resolute desk in Wash. DC. A desk, by the way, that is out for "refinishing" not unlike what the entire legislative process needs to undergo.

Thank you,

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Commission, 1974 Graduate Maine Maritime Academy, formerly employed at KAPL
the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory in West Milton NY for General Electric
Corporation, Retired Chief Engineer from the Merchant Marine after 27 years.
Speaker of my Indigenous language, Respecting "Mother Earth" while thinking about
future generations.