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To the Honorable Committee,

Thank you for attending to our Natural Resources, which are so important to the state of Maine.

I urge you to vote no on a proposed moratorium to dam removal.

Here in Kennebunk, the Mousam River has been obstructed by a dam for many years. It is no longer feasible for it to produce electricity.

Some residents are fearful of changing the river, and claim that the banks will be and remain muddy and ugly.

However, success with dam removal in other Maine rivers has proven that dam removal and return to the natural flow of rivers is not only beneficial to fish and other wildlife, but also to the beauty of the rivers. The resulting muddy banks revegetate within a season, and then the flowing cascades are more beautiful than the “waterfall” created by the dam.

Again, I urge you to vote no on the moratorium for dam removal.