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I oppose An Act to Impose Moratoria on Hydropower Dam Removal and on Water Release from Nonhydropower Dams. Our waterways should be free—like veins to the heart. Uncorking our rivers has already shown miraculous results, restoring fish passage, oxygenating the water, and bringing life back to places long deprived.

Yes, we must seek alternatives to fossil fuels, but we must do so with care, humility, and an understanding of the living systems we depend on. Dams may generate energy, but they also block life. The return of fish and wildlife to a river system is nothing short of a resurrection—one that offers our children and grandchildren a future filled with resilience, biodiversity, and hope.

Let's not dam that future.