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Camden, Maine
LD 430

Dear Representative Campbell and Committee Members-

I am writing in support of LD 430-An Act to Impose Moratoria on Hydropower Dam Removal and on Water release from Non-hydropower Dams and to make other changes to the Laws regulating Such Dams.

Camden is about to have its citizens vote on whether to maintain and preserve our beautiful Historic Montgomery Dam or to tear it down. My family gifted Montgomery Dam to the town in the early 1990s and assumed the town would preserve and honor it as it's a critical piece of Camden's history. Further, the removal of Montgomery Dam would likely jeopardize the downtown buildings from blasting the bedrock of the waterfall to change the course of the river as is in the town's plan. My company, Camden Harbor Properties, LLC OWNS 4 buildings overlooking the dam and will be directly affected. Should LD 430 pass, building owners in Camden and Camden citizens will have a chance to save, restore and preserve this historical monument. Thank you for your attention to this very important bill.

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