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Senator Denise Tepler, Representative Victoria Doudera and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee Environment and Natural Resources:

My name is Brenda Franey and I reside in South Portland. I am writing to express my concerns about LD 430 – Moratorium on Hydropower Dam Removals. I am a member of Maine Audubon, the National Wildlife Federation, and Friends of the Presumpscot River.

For many years now, it has been well documented that dam removals – especially dams that are outdated or in poor condition – greatly enhance the ecosystems in that watershed. Dam removals should always be done in collaboration with the surrounding community and with both economic and environmental considerations. If these best practices are followed, I see no reason for a moratorium on dam removal.

Maine's rivers are one of the state's most iconic and valuable resources. Free flowing rivers enhance habitat that benefit wildlife and humans. Please vote “ought NOT to pass” on LD 430. Thank you for your consideration and your service to the state of Maine.

Sincerely,  
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