

Dear chairperson Lawrence, Representative Sachs and distinguished members of joint committee on Energy, Utilities, and Technology                      against LDs 1592 and 1398

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New England & Canadian Provinces alliance is a scientific and educational based non-profit organization whose primary function is to combat the anti-science, misinformation machinery that that tends to permeate our culture. This is particularly problematic with Hydro Quebec and their immense dam networks.

Today I and my organization are speaking out against LD 1592, which attempts to roll- back Maine's deregulation of its' electrical service. As we have decided almost two decades ago that generation should be separated from distribution.

As many of you're aware, this legislative session again has been riddled with energy related bills. Many of these bills are mere efforts by a minority to roll-back gains made by the majority of Mainers and legislators over the past years. The current regime in Washington, DC Is clearly aligned with dirty fossil fuel interests and is pushing against any and all of the clean energy and climate gains that Maine and other states have made.

The onslaught of misinformation around our energy costs seems endless. Topping the charts of misinformation is ongoing efforts to blame Net Energy Billing for the increase in our energy costs. However LD 1592 is another effort at misinformation: With LD 1592, private investors, like CMP having ownership of our generation will only lead to more increases in energy costs for Mainers and will eliminate or completely discourage further development of solar farms and clean energy infrastructure.

As it is almost certain that this current regime in Washington may be here for a while I'd suggest to those here who are dealing with the onslaught of energy bills every year, that It's time for the majority to go on the offensive, pen some legislation, and make the minority stand up, take notice, and stop this nonsense wasting legislators time.