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I URGE YOU to vote OUGHT NOT TO PASS on LD 1934 An Act to Promote Responsible Outdoor Lighting. This bill is too ambiguous and too intrusive to be considered for passage. First of all, "unnecessary light" is given no parameters, it is subjective and opinion. One person's "too bright" may be another person's "too dim!" Laws need to be concise and clear to ALL involved. Second, it doesn't state whether present lighting will be grandfathered. This could be quite costly to some if they have to replace all their outside lighting, business or private. Third, it allows the municipality the ability to make their own "unnecessary light" rules, which could be even more strict. It also puts people at the mercy of their neighbors, who, for whatever reason, may have an issue with their neighbors who can make them go to this expense for no other reason than they can. It is my long-time experience that most people want to be good neighbors, and they should be given the right to run their property which they pay for as they wish, as long as it doesn't hurt their neighbors. Added lighting to many areas is a GOOD THING, not a bad thing. I have put up with a very bright outside light from my neighbor for years and I just put a shade on my window that blocks out the light. I have the responsibility to my own happiness, not my neighbor. Too often we think everyone should do as we wish, what makes us happy, what fulfills us, and not how to be a good citizen and good neighbor. It works both ways. Do unto others, as you wish them to do unto you. Leave it up to them, NOT THE GOVERNMENT, to be good neighbors. It starts by conversation! Please, do the right thing and vote OUGHT NOT TO PASS on LD1934. Let neighbors find their own way to run their lives! Thank you!