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LD 838

Dear Members of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee,  
I am writing in opposition of LD 838, An Act to Explore Public Financing and  
Ownership of Electric Transmission and Distribution Infrastructure.

This bill creates an unelected authority with extraordinarily broad powers, including eminent domain, guided by vague standards such as “necessary or desirable” and without direct accountability to voters. Regardless of policy goals, concentrating this level of discretion over private property in a body insulated from democratic oversight weakens long-standing protections for property rights and public trust in government.

Decisions that permanently affect land, homes, and livelihoods should require clear limits, transparent standards, and direct accountability to the people most affected. For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee not to vote ought not to pass on LD 838.

Sincerely,  
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