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LD 838

LD 838 proposes to create a new Authority that can "Acquire in the name of the authority by purchase, eminent domain, lease or otherwise, real property and rights or easements therein determined by it necessary or desirable for its purposes".

Translation: If you own it, they could take it — and they might build a transmission line on it.

This Authority would:

- Pay no taxes
- Answer to no one
- Take out loans in Maine's name
- And wield eminent domain to seize private land

I chose to include the above information because I object in the strongest terms, the creation of an entity that is not answerable to the Maine people for the decisions this proposed entity would wield. How many other entities have this kind of power in the State of Maine? I know CMP and Versant cannot just go in and take private land without reason or approval from land owners or through a lengthy process.

I am urging this committee, if you value private ownership of property by law abiding, tax paying owners, to vote this unwarranted legislation as OUGHT NOT TO PASS