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LD 2174

Greetings Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera and Members of the ENR Committee:

My name is Greg Huang-Dale, I am the chair of the Selectboard in Fryeburg, ME and I am testifying in opposition to LD 2174 "An Act to Replace the Maine Waterway Development and Conservation Act with the Maine Renewable Energy and Associated Transmission Development and Conservation Act".

In our small town water and waterways are the life blood of our community. Home rule is also central to how we live and govern ourselves. This bill works against our local rights to respect, preserve and use the natural resources that we are blessed to have around us.

LD2174 will hand over power, in more than one way, to corporate interests and out of the hands of the citizens of our town, our county and our state. While we believe in sustainable energy and renewable resources, we know that decentralized energy is much safer than large corporate control which is vulnerable to natural and virtual disasters.

I implore you to withdraw this bill or vote it down and consider the people you represent who need support in building local infrastructure designed to provide a better life for us and the environment not profits that will be extracted to multinational corporations.

Thank you for your attention to this. Please defeat LD 2174