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LD 2174

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

My name is Pamela Bosco, I live in South Portland, 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"

I believe Home rule is crucial in Maine because it grants cities and towns the autonomy to pass local ordinances (food & water sovereignty, zoning, public safety) without needing explicit state legislature approval, provided they don't conflict with state law. It empowers local decision-making, respects the tradition of town meetings, and allows communities to manage their own affairs efficiently. Home rule is an important "checks and balances" tool, allowing us to participate in building our communities for our future generations instead of letting energy corporations determine our futures.

In conclusion, This Bill favors corporate control over local sovereignty and democratic process. It will not serve the needs of Maine communities.

Thank you.