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LD 2174

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

My name is Mary Schneckenburger. I have lived in Litchfield, ME about 40 years, 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"

Although I agree that reducing red tape and lengthy delays for good green projects is important, I strongly disagree with silencing, removing voice from and negating power of Maine municipalities to protect their areas. I live in a self-built passive solar home which I love and I think everyone should have one. But only big Brother would suggest that we will give everyone a house like mine and NOW.

The language of our Maine constitution gives municipalities the right and power to make decisions for that municipality. This proposal nullifies the constitution-derived rights to home rule. Democracy is messy and takes time. Please work with opposers to this bill to recraft in in a way that is win-win.

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