



**TOWN OF PHILLIPS**  
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**SELECT BOARD RESOLUTION**

**Resolution Opposing LD 2174, "An Act to Standardize Municipal Regulation of Renewable Energy and Transmission Infrastructure" ( as amended )**

**WHEREAS, the Town of Phillips has a long and well-established tradition of local self-governance, including the authority to enact ordinances, land-use regulations, and temporary moratoria to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents; and**

**WHEREAS, Maine's Home Rule Amendment affirms that municipalities are the level of government closest to the people and best positioned to regulate land use, environmental impacts, and community development; and**

**WHEREAS, LD 2174 proposes to void or override municipal ordinances and moratoria relating to wind, solar, battery storage, and transmission infrastructure, thereby removing the ability of towns to apply locally tailored standards, setbacks, noise limits, decommissioning requirements, and other protections; and**

**WHEREAS, LD 2174 would retroactively nullify ordinances enacted through democratic processes, including public hearings, Planning Board review, and votes of the legislative body, undermining public trust in both local and state government; and**

**WHEREAS, the bill disproportionately impacts rural communities such as Phillips, where large-scale energy and transmission projects are sited, while urban municipalities face none of the associated burdens; and**

**WHEREAS, the bill creates legal and regulatory uncertainty by eliminating local standards without providing clear, workable statewide replacements, exposing towns, landowners, and developers to conflict and confusion; and**

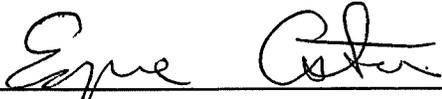
**WHEREAS, the Town of Phillips supports renewable energy development that is responsible, transparent, and protective of local residents, but cannot support legislation that removes the community's ability to safeguard its environment, infrastructure, and property values;**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Phillips Select Board opposes LD 2174 in its current form and urges the Legislature to reject any bill that strips municipalities of their authority to regulate land use and protect their citizens; and

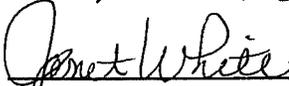
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Phillips calls upon the Legislature to work collaboratively with municipalities to develop renewable-energy policy that respects local control, ensures community participation, and maintains the constitutional balance between state and local authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Manager is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the members of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, to our legislative delegation, and to the Governor of Maine.

Adopted by the Phillips Select Board on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

  
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Select Board Chair, signature

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