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Dear Committee, I am a Maine resident and I have a Master's Degree in Forestry. I present two concerns, one as a citizen and one as a forester. Obviating the normal legislative process to allow CMP to build this corridor is illegal and should be a concern of all Maine citizens.

As a forester I recognize that CMP utilization of foreign energy resources disturbs Maine's greatest asset - its large relatively undisturbed forests in this region. Recognizing that Maine's economy is rooted in forests, utilizing the vast industrial forests that have already been disturbed harvesting resources such as biomass, would offer permanent jobs, not the temporary work touted by CMP. Utilizing our own biomass and solar would create our own energy independence. Thank you for your time. Matt Weaver Newcastle Maine