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LD 2266

Senator Brenner, Representative Gramlich, and Environment and Natural Resources joint standing committee members,

I write to oppose LD 2266, on account of the increasingly unilateral bent of this administration and its indifference to transparency, accessibility, democratic process, and the consent of the body politic.

No time had been afforded for the governed to evaluate, develop a stance, react, and prepare to come to Augusta to discuss and appropriately vet this proposal.

A bill released on a Thursday, with a hearing the following Monday? Seriously? This violates your own state laws regarding public access to these public hearings.

When those who make laws break their own laws, who can the body politic rely on to enforce justice and maintain the integrity and validity of the State?

If we are going to circumvent or weaken environmental protections, by-pass hearing valid concerns, avoid studying long-term impacts, cut corners, shut out the public, ram through unvetted agendas, and allow 6 or 7 ENR members to decide the fate of this bill essentially behind closed doors, then we no longer have a free, open, and functioning government.

It's disappointing and discouraging to see any representative participate in or passively consent to this blatantly broken and dangerous process.

I'll leave out my own opinions on moon-scaping and destroying Sear's Island, the negative impacts to the Penobscot Bay habitat and anyone who lives within 100 miles of that island we'll be leaving to future generations to clean up, or this being used as a cheap campaign slogan "'gettin' stuff done 4U!'"

We were "'getting' stuff done 4U'" after the Clean Water Act woo, when we thought it was a grand idea to spread PFAS sludge all over Maine's prime farmland like hot butter on a ciabatta. How's that working out for Maine?

Rather than ram-rodging this ld2266 bill, we've really got to start focusing on the existential crisis of our failing governance here in Maine, and those that aid and abet.

I strongly advise the ENR Committee to vote OUGHT NOT TO PASS on LD2266, and slow this down a bit so that the body politic has time to think about it.

Thanks.

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