

To: The Members of the State and Local Government Committee

Subj: LD 980 An Act To Establish Balance in the Governor's Emergency Powers

My name is Craig Caffrey of Bowdoinham ME and I have submitted this testimony in support of LD 980 An Act To Establish Balance in the Governor's Emergency Powers

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By allowing the Governor to continue to declare a State of Emergency for 13 straight months without input or guidance from the Legislators that were elected by “We the People” to Represent our best interests is unacceptable, unconstitutional and nothing short of tyrannical. I strongly encourage this committee vote “Ought to Pass” on LD 980 An Act To Establish Balance in the Governor's Emergency Powers.

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