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Chair Baldacci, Chair Matlack, distinguished members of the State And Local Government Committee

I wholeheartedly endorse LD 1039 as a check and balance element which is so defined in the Constitution. A single person should not wield the power that may harm Maine inordinately. We are represented by elected local officials, our voice in governmental affairs. I request you honor our "voices" and include them in the decisions made that restricts our freedoms. We are not servants to the will of government. Government is the servant to the people and the people have tasked government to protect, preserve and defend our inalienable rights to the extent of exhausting all avenues of knowledge, science and data to guide the government to just decisions. The current situation with Cpvind-19 has been bounced around as a hot potato with too much intervention of political bias as exhibited by differing government rulings from a blue state to a red state, Critical decisions, when in the context of an emergency must include all voices : the executive, the legislative and the judicial branches of government as well as, and most importantly, the consent of the governed.

Thank You Dan McKay Dixfield