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To the Members of the State and Local Government Committee,

I am writing in regards to LD 1039 - An Act To Safeguard the People's Voice in a State of Emergency.

I would like to start by thanking you all for the hard work you are undertaking. The decision to limit the power of a Governor should not be taken lightly. We may have a real emergency someday when our Governor may need to act swiftly. Does a Governor need to make decisions in a vacuum? Limiting any such decision to 30 days and only extending it with the approval of our legislature is reasonable. There needs to be open discussion, to reflect on the necessity, effectiveness and the collateral damage the dictates have and will continue to make. Has anyone asked what the acceptable losses are for our Governors Mandates? How many businesses can close? How many doctors' appointments can be missed? How many cancer screening can be canceled? (I personally know of two that were missed and they died several months later.) How much can she accept allow substance abuse continue to rise? What is her acceptable limit for suicide? How degraded is she willing to allow our children's education to be. How high does she want domestic violence and child abuse rise before she gives the abused the way out that they had before her decree. All these numbers should be known and all the unknown damage to come should be needs to be considered by our legislature not a sole ruler.

I find this bill LD 1039 reasonable. Please support these bills with voting OUGHT TO PASS and prevent this overreach from happening again!

Respectfully,  
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