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Senator Baldacci, Representative Matlack, and Members of the Committee on State and Local Government,

My name is Michelle Truman, and I live in Hallowell, Maine.

I stand in support of LD 980, and I ask you to vote "OUGHT TO PASS."

LD 980 would place required limits on the emergency powers of the Governor, asserting much-needed oversight by the Legislature. For the past year, only one branch of government has effectively ruled Maine. Our State has suffered greatly as a result, with somewhat arbitrary percentages, closures, and prohibitions being imposed.

I applaud the efforts of so many state senators and representatives who have stepped forward to restore balance and commonsense to Maine government. Amazingly, there are 13 other bills that address aspects of the serious overreach of power wielded by the Governor. I think those dealing with the protection of businesses and religious and civic organizations (LD 628 and LD 1142; both OUGHT TO PASS) are paramount. Aren't we talking about the economic backbone and the bedrock of our State?

I am not alone when I say I've had enough of the constant fear that plagues our State and shoves everything else into the background.

Let us reclaim for Maine the freedom on which our country was founded!

Please vote "OUGHT TO PASS" on LD 980. Thank you for your time.