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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen, I am writing this letter to express my deep concern over the unprecedented unilateral takeover of Maine's government by the Governor, a person the citizens of Maine hired to work with, NOT RULE the other legislative branches. On or about March 15, 2020 the Governor was granted emergency powers because there was justified fear of the unknown regarding this virus. There was valid concern that hospitals could be overrun & there were not enough PPE's and such. However, by April 15th 2020 it was clear that what we were dealing with is a disease with a fairly high contagious rate putting older people and those with underlying conditions at greater risk but never the less had a recovery rate of somewhere between 97% - 99%. We had been told emergency powers were necessary until we could "flatten the curve" It was also clear that breathing fresh air was not going to spread the disease and there were mixed reviews on the benefits of wearing a mask. At this point in time the DICTATOR of this state should have acknowledged that she had presented the Citizens of Maine with all the information available for them to make their own informed decisions about their healthcare and voluntarily relinquished her unprecedented takeover of State government. We have never been told the truth about when this DICTATORSHIP will end. Obviously "flattening the curve" was a lie. Is there a certain number of business' that need to be destroyed, maybe the unemployment rate has to reach a certain level or perhaps the opioid addiction level has to reach a certain number?

Confiscating power as she has is in total violation of the intended principals of the Maine and U.S. Constitution and is a very dangerous precedent to set for future governors. Citizens need to have confidence that they will not be abused by the people they hire to manage NOT DICTATE the government. Does she need "Emergency Powers" to control the common cold-where do you draw the line? It should be clear to legislators that the the lockdown has many, many negative side effects and hasn't been necessary for close to a year. Remember, dictarship and gestapo like tactics may seem fine-until they come after YOU. Please STAND FOR FREEDOOM and END THE DICTATORSHIP!!! Thank you for your consideration.
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