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To Members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

Regarding L.D. 490, "An Act to Provide for a 5-year Automatic Repeal of Agency Rules".

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Sen. Baldacci, Rep. Salisbury, and members of the State and Local Government Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony before you today. I'm Penny Morrell, taxpayer and citizen of the Town of Belgrade, Maine.

I support L.D. 490, "An Act to Provide for a 5-year Automatic Repeal of Agency Rules".

If I understand this bill correctly, it will provide a stopgap measure to prevent ongoing rules that are no longer necessary from continuing. In other words, government is by far, too expansive and continually growing. Old laws and rules implemented in the past, with no program in place to review needs for continuance, under this law will be scrutinized and invalidated or continued as needed. This law is wonderful to curtail outdated and/or unnecessary rules and regulations.

I urge this committee to vote "ought to pass" on LD 490. Thank you.