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Hello,

I'm writing to object the increase in the number of Commissioners in Kennebec County. In a time when everything is going to be more expensive and we have already seen prices up, including our County tax, do we need to add unnecessary and unwanted costs? Total expenses could be upwards of hundreds of thousands of dollars. These factors include legal fees, consultant costs, forming a commission, mapping technology, legal compliance oversight, data analysis, administrative work, and public outreach efforts.

We already have a working commission, so why is this being considered- when this unnecessary money can be put to better use, and serving its people and not a political side to have power. We need to be fiscally responsible, and this is not what that would be. We need to prepare, use this money in place of the cuts that are happening.

Please reject this for our county, and help lower costs and not let them rise even more as many are financially strapped and trying to brace for higher costs and less services due to these costs and cuts from the federal government. We can't turn a blind eye to what is happening at the federal level and think it will not trickle down to the state and local level- as things are being cut, we can't and should not expand this commission that is working fine at the level and cost at this time.

Thank you