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I oppose LD194 because it is an undemocratic attempt to limit free speech here in Maine. It will hamper our ability to get all the facts and engage in an open and fair debate on the best course for Maine to achieve a carbon free economy. The climate crisis is an existential crisis for us all in Maine and New England and the whole world. We need open debate and the benefit of our best ideas and best minds to confront it. LD194 is the opposite of what we need now. It restricts the free flow of information by limiting who can speak, who can participate in debate and even who Mainers can ask for advice. Who and what are we afraid of? Canada? Facts? Let Mainers judge for themselves. LD194 ought not to pass.