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My name is Ellen Pope, and as a citizen of Maine I testify in opposition to L.D. 194 . This bill would seem to try to silence Hydro-Quebec and prevent them from responding to a ballot initiative that is funded by its competition, representatives from the fossil fuel industry from Florida and Texas. Not only do I believe in Maine's regulatory system and agencies that took over two years to issue approval for the NE Clean Energy Corridor, but I also believe that this enormous investment in public infrastructure will move Maine toward its carbon goals, provide clean energy that replaces millions of tons of carbon emissions, keep energy prices lower for many years, and lead to the conservation of thousands of acres of Maine land in perpetuity for public and economic benefit. Please be forward-thinking, as Maine and the world grapples with our climate crisis. Please honor the system that has worked well in Maine and contributed to Maine's distinction as a "go-to" place to live and visit.