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Ruth A. Burke; DEP Commissioner Melanie Loyzim; ladies and gentlemen of the Department of Environmental Protection:

I urge you to honor the will of Maine's voters. **Revoke** CMP's permit to construct the CMP Corridor.

We don't need the CMP Corridor; and we don't need CMP.

You see, we have things called solar panels and wind turbines and batteries. As soon as we mass-produce them for homeowners and small businesses, we can make them affordable through mass-production economies of scale. We Mainers will be able to generate our own electricity from our own rooftops or backyards. We won't need Central Maine Power. Electrical utilities like CMP will become extinct.

No more solar farms infesting our fields, no more giant windmills spoiling our mountaintops, no more transmission lines blighting our landscape, no more CMP Corridor cutting an obscene slash across our Appalachian Trail, no more Central Maine Power gouging us with absurdly inflated electricity bills.

Every Maine homeowner and Maine business owner will be able to generate his or her own electricity, buying it or selling it in community electricity co-ops -- democratic electricity! -- and our Maine landscape will become more attractive to tourists.

We already have the technology to replace Central Maine Power -- *right now*.

When will we have affordable solar panels, wind turbines, and batteries?

As soon as we want them.

The CMP Corridor is already Dead On Arrival. Because the utility model for generating electricity is already, for all practical purposes, broken. And so will be CMP's power to torture our Maine landscape and to gouge us with bogus electricity bills.

CMP has claimed that Referendum Question 1 is unconstitutional. This is the height of arrogance and hypocrisy.

Our Maine Constitution, in Section 2, clearly states: "**All power is inherent in the People.**"

Therefore, the will of Maine's voters, as expressed in Question 1, is *entirely* constitutional. It is CMP's continued construction of its **ugly** Corridor that is unlawful, unconstitutional, unnecessary, and -- obscene.

"**All power is inherent in the People.**" That means all foreign-owned organizations like CMP have only so much power, only so much authority, only so much *legitimacy* -- as **We the People** give them. And what we've given, we can withhold. What we've given, we can take away.

It has been said that the dollar bill is the last meaningful vote left to working people. In view of CMP's recently-announced rate hike, it would be a shame if CMP's customers decided, *en masse*, that CMP was no longer worthy of vacuuming up our hard-earned Maine dollars. It would be a shame if we Mainers decided we couldn't -- or wouldn't -- pay our CMP bills.

We Mainers are **Americans**. As Americans, we have a pretty good historical record against tyranny. Even corporate tyranny. CMP's managers might want to reconsider *very carefully* just how hard they want to push us Mainers. Maine's citizens, voters, and taxpayers have much to offer -- and much to withhold.

CMP's upper management has proven to be hopelessly incompetent and corrupt. The arrogance of CMP's management must be curbed. And it *will* be *stopped*. We don't need the CMP Corridor; and we don't need CMP.

Let us therefore, by all means and without delay, honor the will of Maine's voters. Let's **revoke** -- not suspend -- CMP's permit to build the CMP Corridor.

Ruth Burke, Commissioner Loyzim, ladies and gentlemen of the DEP -- thank you for listening.

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