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The 128th Legislature of the State of Maine
State House
Augusta, ME

Dear Honorable Members of the 128th Legislature:


This bill creates more work for the Maine Department of Environmental Protection and the Maine Land Use Planning Commission by eliminating their discretion in determining if a visual scenic impact assessment for a scenic resource is necessary and by requiring all rulemaking under the Wind Energy Act be major substantive.

Meanwhile, the bill offers no real protection to Mainers in all areas of the state from the increasing visual impact of turbines popping up across our horizon. Instead, it authorizes the Legislature to involve itself in the decisions of the agencies to continuously politicize what should be technical and science-based processes.

For this reason, I return LD 901 unsigned and vetoed. I strongly urge the Legislature to sustain it.

Sincerely,

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Paul R. LePage
Governor