Communications

(2-1) The Following Communication:

STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0148

March 16, 2020

Honorable Robert B. Hunt
Clerk of the House
2 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Enclosed please find my official certification to the 129th Legislature of the citizen initiative petition entitled "Resolve, To Reject the New England Clean Energy Connect Transmission Project".

Sincerely,

S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State
I, Matthew Dunlap, Secretary of State, hereby certify that written petitions bearing valid signatures of 69,714 electors of this State were addressed to the Legislature of the State of Maine and were filed in the office of the Secretary of State on February 3, 2020, requesting that the Legislature consider a resolve entitled, "Resolve, To Reject the New England Clean Energy Connect Transmission Project".

I further certify that the number of signatures submitted is in excess of ten percent of the total votes cast in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petitions, as required by Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 of the Constitution of Maine, that number being 63,067.

I further certify this initiative petition to be valid and attach herewith the text of the legislation circulated on the petition's behalf.

I further certify that on March 13, 2020, a petition for review of final agency action was filed in Kennebec County Superior Court requesting that the Court reverse the decision by the Secretary of State that the direct petition for initiated legislation is valid.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State of Maine to be hereunto affixed. Given under my hand at Augusta on the sixteenth day of March in the year two thousand and twenty.

S/Matthew Dunlap
Secretary of State

Comes from the House, READ and ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.

The accompanying bill:

(2-2) Resolve, To Reject the New England Clean Energy Connect Transmission Project
I.B. 1 L.D. 2164

Comes from the House, REFERRED to the Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY and ordered printed.