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I am writing to support the plan that KLPD has submitted to keep the dams in place.

My family has lived just above the Kesslen dam since 1968. As I have watched the Process unfold I see these very well organized, well funded groups of outside special Interests trying to impose their will upon the ratepayers and residents of Kennebunk.

It was obvious from the start that these groups knew of the upcoming process long Before we did. The environment of the Mousam is not perfect, but it is a huge improvement From the 1960's when many pollutants were dumped upstream in Sanford.

In November of 2016 three non-binding referendum questions were passed with overwhelming Margins in favor of keeping the dams. You have received a large number of letters Favoring removal, but we live here. They will be gone and on to the next projects.

We are told all sorts of reassuring comments, but what if they are wrong ?

I am a survivor of a rare but deadly form of Lyme disease. What if there are residual Toxins, the muddy banks do not regrow, and invasive species take over ? If expensive Cleanup is mandated, the costs must be split among only 7000 ratepayers. Kennebunk Already has an affordability problem.

There have been promises of increased recreation, but how can anyone believe that dropping the Water level from 14 feet to 18 inches will yield that result ? The gradient in the six plus miles Behind Kesslen is $\frac{1}{4}$ of one percent. We are told the river will be "free flowing" but even a Previous drawdown showed a series of connected but nearly stagnant pools. Breeding grounds For mosquitos and diseases....

KLPD has put forth a common sense plan that balances the interests of all parties but Mininmizes many but difficult to quantify risks. I urge you to accept their plan.

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