

Testimony in support of LD 883

Senator Woodsome, Representative Dion and distinguished members of the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology, I am H David Cotta and thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of LD 883 “An Act To Create the Telephone Labeling Act”.

This act is clear in it’s intent and in support of LD 883 the discussion should, in my opinion, be framed as a question. That question would be “If there were a hazard associated with the use of a product, why in the interest of safety and informed consent wouldn’t that information be made readily available to the consumer?”

This Act simply states that if the owner’s manual includes safety notifications the product packaging should be labeled on the outside and be plainly visible directing the potential user of the product to a location where more detailed information is available. The product would also be labeled to highlight the hazard.

Informed consent is the very backbone in allowing the consumer to apply the “risk/benefit analysis” in the decision making process.

Thank you for your time and I welcome any questions the committee might have.

Respectfully Submitted

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