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The Hon. Mark Lawrence, Co-chair and The Hon. Seth Berry, Co-chair
Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology State House
Augusta, Maine 04330

Re: **Testimony in Support of L.D. 1710**, "An Act to Require Prompt and Effective Use of the Renewable Energy Resources of Northern Maine"

My name is Stephen Perry and live in Lincoln, Maine. On behalf of Sargent Corporation, I am writing to provide testimony in support of L.D. 1710, "An Act to Require Prompt and Effective Use of the Renewable Energy Resources of Northern Maine"," sponsored by Senate President Jackson.

First, I would like to thank Senate President Jackson for sponsoring this long overdue bill. With this bill, Northern Maine will have an opportunity join ISO-NE in meeting the States carbon free goals.

Sargent Corporation's employee owners stand ready to support the construction opportunities that this bill will bring to Northern Maine. Since 2005, we have been constructing renewable energy projects in Maine starting with the Mars Hill wind project. We have been part of a group of Maine contractors delivering clean renewable energy projects to the grid.

The renewable energy market represents over a billion dollars of investment in Maine. The County has plenty of land with excellent wind and solar resources and landowners who stand ready to be valued partners, and communities that welcome and badly need investments and the economic benefits.

LD 1710 could not come at a better time. Between and the Governor's commitment outlined in her "Maine Won't Wait" document coupled with the clean energy federal tax policies, this is the right time for all to benefit from this bill.

Please vote "ought to pass" on this bill.

Steve

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