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To the Members of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee,
I am providing my highest endorsement for the development and passage of LD420, which would help increase access to Public Utilities. It would enable residents of Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUD) access to Broadband (high-capacity internet) service without having to go through their dwelling owner/manager. Currently, MUD residents, many of whom want/need improved service like that of Fidium Fiber, which has been available to everyone in the Blue Hill Peninsula area since March 2023 (if they are able to order it). To date most if not all of those in MUDs in the area but have been unable to obtain the service.

Being unable to access the new and far less expensive internet related service has disadvantaged many, not only for the access to this technically true Broadband service (100/100Mbps – 2,000/2000Mbps) but for the financial (affordable) and social benefits it brings. This situation denies access to those in subsidized housing where residents can benefit from the service the most.

Please support the bill and the benefits it brings.

Respectfully,

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