



Regarding: L.D. 2077

An Act Regarding Customer Costs and the Environmental and Health Effects of Natural Gas

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Scott Perkins, DECD Director for the Town of Hermon. The Town of Hermon is supportive of the Bangor Natural Gas Company and its efforts to bring clean affordable energy to businesses in the State of Maine.

I oppose L.D. 2077. L.D. 2077 will increase the cost of natural gas service in Maine and leave consumers susceptible to unreliable and higher emission energy sources. This bill will restrict the expansion of natural gas infrastructure to the detriment of Maine residents, businesses, and industry. This bill will make new gas service installations cost prohibitive and remove fuel choice from business in Maine.

L.D. 2077 will restrict the ability for Maine to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions. Extending gas pipelines in Maine in accordance with consumer needs allows for the promotion of safe, reliable, and affordable energy and the reduction of carbon emissions and provides a pathway to responsible adoption of renewable fuels.

Maine businesses deserve to be able to choose their fuel source. We need to be able to choose not only a safe and reliable fuel source, but an economic fuel source. When businesses operate economically and thrive, their local communities and the state of Maine thrive.

Members of the Maine Senate and House of Representatives have a duty to Maine residents to develop a well thought out plan for carbon reductions that doesn't sacrifice the ability of Maine businesses to operate economically.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott Perkins".

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