

Gabriel Silva
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LD 2077

Dear Senator Lawrence, Representative Zeigler, and members of the Energy, Utilities, and Technology Committee,

My name is Gabriel Silva, and I am a resident of NY. I am testifying in favor of LD 2077 because as a Sierra Club employee and member and frequent visitor to Maine, the health of the state matters a great deal to me.

Burning gas for cooking and heating creates indoor air pollution linked to asthma in children, exposes people to carcinogens like benzene, and contributes to the formation of ground-level ozone or smog. Poor air quality and the associated impacts are notoriously inequitable. Pre-existing and chronic health conditions exacerbated by air pollution are associated with race, income, and age.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please vote 'ought to pass' on LD 2077.

Sincerely,
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